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From Wednesday November 8th, 2000 CNN post election day coverage of the Florida recount. The Election between Republican, Texas Governor George W. Bush and Democrat, Vice President came down to a few hundred votes and eventually went up to the United States Supreme court. On December 12th, 2000 Bush was declared the winner.

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tonight victory delayed almost 6 million votes cast in florida just 1700 separate the candidates an automatic recount gets underway after a seemingly endless election night george bush has the lead but no margin for error as al gore faces his last chance at winning the white house this matter must be resolved expeditiously but deliberately and without any rush to judgment i'm confident that the secretary and i will become the president-elect and the vice president-elect in short order both candidates send top aides to oversee the process amid emerging claims of problems at the polls and signs the final count may not be the end of the story a second look at ralph nader's election impact and second thoughts on how the media handled the story cnn announces that we call florida in the al gore column cnn right now is moving our earlier declaration of florida back to the too close to call column all ahead on this special edition of the world today election 2000 the florida recount [Music] good evening from cnn election headquarters i'm wolf blitzer hello i'm joey chen tonight more than 24 hours after the polls began to close across the nation it has all come down to one state florida we still do not know who will become the 43rd president of the united states because an automatic recount is now underway in florida thanks to that state's excruciatingly close election results when the first count ended bush was on top with a tiny 1700 vote cushion out of almost 6 million votes cast by this evening recount results in 17 of florida's 67 counties have changed those numbers slightly adding 133 votes to gore's overall total and 125 more votes

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and 125 more votes for bush florida is key because while oregon also remains undecided only florida's 25 electoral votes can push either man past the required 270 votes needed to win the white house for the next hour we will devote this special edition of the world today to the extraordinary events surrounding this presidential election that recount began about seven hours ago and state officials say it will be complete by the end of the business day tomorrow with the latest in this high-stakes race to the white house from tallahassee cnn national correspondent mike betcher mike what's going on well wolf as you said this is an automatic recount because of the closeness of the race and it's being supervised in the division of elections office which is 18 floors above me in the state capitol building but those people were up all night tuesday night because of the elections they closed down at six even though the entire nation in the world is awaiting the results of this recount they will reopen at 8 p.m but it's really of no matter because the real work is being done in florida's 67 counties florida's 67 counties began their recounts around midday again sifting through the almost 6 million ballots cast for president in florida the state's division of elections has set a thursday 7 p.m deadline for the recount to be completed but the initial 17 counties reporting have yielded only a small gain for vice president gore closing his almost 1800 vote gap with governor bush by only eight votes still the state's largest counties in the miami and fort lauderdale region have yet to report and democratic national

committee members who came to florida believe a final tally should not be submitted until allegations of voting irregularities are investigated people are talking about taking away somebody's constitutional right to vote there are thousands literally thousands of reports of irregularities in palm beach county we spoke about it yesterday during the election we got reports of of questionable ballots

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ballots there's there's reports of voter intimidation there's ballot boxes that are missing there's the results on the secretary of state's own web page that seem to have mysteriously increased by a thousand votes these are lots of questions and i think the voters of florida and the voters of this country deserve some answers they need to be done in a timely fashion but they need to be done in a bipartisan fashion florida governor jeb bush rejected claims of vote fraud and said he would step down from the commission that will finally certify the results to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest i along with attorney general butterworth are firmly committed to protecting the integrity of florida's election process and will will seek swift enforcement of florida's election laws voter fraud in the state in our state is a felony and guilty parties will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law both of us have pledged to work together with secretary of state catherine harris in this regard furthermore to ensure that there is not the slightest appearance of a conflict of interest i have chosen to recuse myself from serving on the elections canvassing commission now this recount is what it is a recount they are not looking at irregularities the people in the various counties are looking at those ballots saying it's marked properly uh it wasn't damaged and then they're counting it to make sure ballots weren't stuck together or somehow a pile of ballots was missing they're really not looking at irregularities that could be a next phase which probably wouldn't be settled until there's some sort of court hearing but this is the process that will go on we believe that by noon tomorrow most of the counties will have reported they reopened this office at 8. the counties are already working on this 17 as we said earlier have reported then by tuesday all of the the election what's called the election canvas commission here must certify the election within seven days after the election ends then there's another certification of overseas ballots that must occur

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overseas ballots that must occur a week from friday but it can be done before that time but it has to occur then we don't know how many overseas ballots there are what we do know is in 1996 there were 2 300 of those ballots sent out 55 percent of those at that time went for bob dole 45 for bill clinton even though bill clinton carried this state so it could be a very long and drawn out process still wolf and mike what about the reports that there are some private citizens presumably democrats who are looking to take some court action to file some suits in palm beach county to see uh to see what they can do to to perhaps get another recount or maybe another election there well that seems like that's going to happen for sure the democratic national committee said that they had talked to people who were going to file these suits we don't know they say not with their help but suits it appears will be filed the dnc representatives here said that they thought it could be filed as early as today it hasn't as far as we know and the dnc the democratic national committee is moving in here in a big way i don't get the sense from talking to them that they're going to let this go with just a recount that they're coming in here they're going to look hard before they put up the white flag wolf okay mike betcher and tallahassee will be watching joey well if as mike petra reported to us the recount is just one controversy in the florida polling boats today flooded lines at election offices with complaints claiming their ballots were confusing keeping them from voting for the candidate they wanted and there are other problems as well cnn susan candiotti is in miami in palm beach county florida a growing controversy over the ballot form a ballot should not be a puzzle a ballot should not be a maze it looks like this presidential candidates listed in two columns with arrows pointing in two different

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arrows pointing in two different directions governor bush on the top line pat buchanan to the right vice president gore to the left by comparison this is how a ballot in miami-dade county looked a single column of candidates the palm beach ballot throwing some voters for a loop i'm not sure whether i've really punched the right hole so and this of course has been nagging me ever since i'm still totally because i would just absolutely drop dead if my vote went from began laura sarafiano says she intended to vote for vice president gore instead she says she's convinced the ballot form prompted her to accidentally vote for pat buchanan fiano says she discovered her mistake after seeing the ballot controversy on tv everybody i've spoken to that i knew voted for gore accidentally voted for pat buchanan so if it's such a close race i don't see how it would be fair to either candidate in palm beach county buchanan tallied 3 407 votes 0.8 percent in the entire state he won .3 percent of the presidential ballot nat sorkin who for years printed ballots for a living in new york also found the ballot confusing but figured it out by the time he hit the voting booth he and his wife saw other voters have their ballots torn up because of the confusion and allowed to vote again the precinct has a heavy democratic registration a sizable number of people are now screaming their heads off thinking that because of the proximity of the printed pieces on the same page that they inadvertently voted for buchanan afro election jitters were you hearing people talking about uh the election being jittery no no no the church hall polling place at first thought to contain ballots election officials explained it was just polling equipment odds and ends a lawsuit has now been

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odds and ends a lawsuit has now been filed on behalf of three voters challenging the presidential race results in palm beach county their charge the ballot there was deceptive and misleading the naacp has also asked the justice department to investigate alleged voting irregularities involving minorities in florida the end result no one knows the end result susan candiotti cnn miami more on the recount now kenneth gross joins us we note that he is not involved in the florida recounting mr gross was enforcement chief for the federal election commission in the 1980s let's make something clear here the fec has no control over how florida handles this right i mean this is not a federal recount this is up to florida to decide who does it how to do it whatever the procedure is that's right in fact this is not a federal case at all this is going to be a state case handled by the state courts so it is up to florida as well to police it to determine how things are handled any controversy any questions about how anything has worked out there it is up to the florida officials to police this as well that's right this is going to be up to the florida officials unless there's some kind of allegation of of discrimination but voter irregularity fraud or just irregularity in the polling or in the actual putting together of the ballots would be strictly a function of florida state law is there any point in which the fec would come forward would step in would say you're not doing the counting in a way that we find acceptable or we think will give us consistent results somewhere down the line no i i don't think you'll see the federal government attempt to step into this the fec will have something to say about the money that's raised regarding this whole process of recounting and legal challenges but you're not going to see the federal government step in unless there's some kind of discrimination claim this is something that i keep hearing from people do electors have to vote whatever the result was i mean do they have to follow what what initially was their position on the

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what initially was their position on the ballots or is it up to them and and how would they decide that now you're getting into sort of the arcane rules of the electoral process and your question is is appropriate one because electors are not bound uh by the the decisions that are made on the ballot in fact uh there's been a few instances in recent history where electors have just voted their however they wanted to vote outside of the dictates of how the people uh chose for them to vote on the ballot it hasn't made a difference in any election do the candidates come forward and ask electors to change their minds or go a different way do the campaigns come forward and do that or is that up to the electorate the electors are expected to vote consistent with the way that they've been impaneled on the ballot but there's nothing that legally binds them and you never know they might go they might vote for somebody else let's go back to some of the controversy the palm beach controversy particularly how this happened and how this could be worked out can you give us some perspective here well there there's almost a certain degree of irregularity in most

elections the issue here is whether there is a substantial enough irregularity to prevent or make it impossible for the will of the people uh to be heard that is the legal standard not whether there was some minor imperfection in the in the balloting is there a substantial enough irregularity that we really haven't heard the will of the people the substantial in the sense that it was deliberate or substantial no it doesn't have to be deliberate we're not talking about voter fraud here we're talking about a design of a ballot and other irregularities in the way that the people were presented with their ballot that have made it such that the will of the people are not heard and here as i understand it that the ballot itself yes is confusing that may not be enough i under further understand that the confusion was aggravated when you put the ballot into the ballot machine itself and the centering of the dots where you

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and the centering of the dots where you you you you pushed into to vote was further aggravated by the way that the card went in the machine and in fact the buchanan dot was about equally distant from the whole as the gore as the as the gore name was and apparently right after uh the voting people did respond in a credible and contemporaneous way that there was a problem so this this is something that has to be uh looked at in a serious way you have a an irregularity in the voting patterns in that district as compared to neighboring district where that ballot was not used you have a spike in buchanan voting in that district so something went wrong there is it a substantial enough irregularity to un undo that election that's going to have to be decided by a court it's going to be a tough decision for a court to say that we're going to actually rehear or redo the balloting in that particular district but that is a potential remedy that would be available in the hearing of this case if it's determined that that the irregularity was substantial enough well mr gross we're going to have to leave it there but i can see that we're not going to hear the last of this even if we do see the results tomorrow coming in from the state of florida kenneth gross election law specialist we appreciate you joining us thank you wolf joey as for the candidates themselves they both came forward to make quick statements on this amazing turn of events but they left the lion's share of today's public comments to their staffers for the latest on the vice president's day and his plans for turning his popular vote advantage into an electoral victory here's john king in nashville not ready to predict victory not ready to even think again about conceding defeat because of what is at stake this matter must be resolved expeditiously but deliberately and without any rush to judgment the vice president was the surprise winner of the popular vote but acknowledged it would be only a symbolic victory if florida ends up in the bush column

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if florida ends up in the bush column under our constitution it is the winner of the electoral college who will be the next president our constitution is the whole foundation of our freedom and it must be followed faithfully the words were delivered calmly but there was no forgetting the calamity of the night before mr gore had already congratulated governor bush and was just minutes away from a public concession here when he was told the florida gap was narrowing and that a recount was mandatory under state law former secretary of state warren christopher leads the legal team urgently dispatched to florida but i don't have any reason to think we're on the edge of a constitutional crisis and we don't intend to try to provoke a constitutional crisis the gore team will not only monitor the recount but also raise questions about a ballot it claims confused perhaps 2500 or more gore supporters into voting for pat buchanan by accident we believe when those votes are counted and that process is complete totally complete al gore will have won the electoral college in the popular vote and therefore is will be the next president but recount veterans say history heavily favors governor bush it's better to be ahead in the recount and actually if if it is the bush people think 1800 votes it sounds like a little amount but actually in a recount that's a lot of votes to overturn to actually win a state on the day after no shortages of what-ifs in the gore ranks what if ralph nader hadn't siphoned off so many democratic votes what if the vice president had been more aggressive in the first two presidential debates but mostly the thought was what now they say the vice president knows the odds are long but urged his exhausted campaign team to keep his spirits high while awaiting florida's final words and as the vice

president awaits his fate only this much is certain perhaps as few as 2 000 votes of the nearly 6 million cast in florida and the more than 100 million tallied nationwide will settle a presidential election that no adjective seems to do justice wolf john take us behind the scenes there

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john take us behind the scenes there were two phone conversations between al gore and george w bush last night what do we know occurred in those two calls we're told the first call was a brief conversation the vice president was described as quite conciliatory congratu congratulated governor bush and what he thought at that moment was his victory at the time remember the vice president was being told he was down 50 000 votes in florida we're told the vice president which governor bushwell congratulated him on a hard-fought campaign then he hopped in his motorcade and was coming here to the war memorial to give a public concession speech he was two blocks away when another aide got in touch with the motorcade urgently argued that they should not concede that word from florida was it was only a few thousand votes so the vice president after a brief communication between the two campaign chairmen the vice president called back again we're told that conversation was a little more testy that governor bush couldn't quite believe what he was hearing the vice president told governor bush reports from florida were not conclusive that he was retracting his concession and that he would not concede the election until he heard the official results from the state of florida john king in nashville that's where we stand right now thanks for joining us in texas meanwhile george w bush got in a few hours sleep then met with his running mate dick cheney and other top advisers cnn senior political correspondent candy crowley is in the texas capital of austin the once declared president-elect hopes to soon regain his title this morning brings news from florida that the final vote count there shows that secretary cheney and i have carried the state of florida and if that result is confirmed in an automatic recount as we expect it will be that we have won the election after an astounding night of doubt then triumph then uncertainty a sense of the surreal has pierced the trademark optimism of the bush camp it was an amazing night as you all know since you lived through it i watched it this morning on television some excerpts and i thought that maybe it had all been a dream and then i

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maybe it had all been a dream and then i realized i was awake the whole time his running mate by his side the republican nominee was low-key but positive as he recounted the evening including that second phone call from vice president al gore to retract his earlier concession listen to what he had to say and how much you said it took place that way well i i was i felt like uh we i was fully prepared to go out and and uh give a speech and uh thanking my supporters and uh he he withdrew his uh comments and here we said sitting and waiting isn't easy but the hottest spot may belong to florida governor jeb bush who spent the long night in austin there was some consternation with the florida's governor during our family dinner when uh somebody jumped the proverbial gun as we say and um so he is the person that really went through some uh you know obviously some interesting emotions uh i was confident that uh when it was all said and done that florida would be taken off the um the declared you know state role and that cooler heads would prevail jeb bush left austin wednesday morning to return home to florida former secretary of state james baker is also headed to the state to look after bush's interests there the bush camp also has a lawyer on the ground in each precinct to monitor the recount should bush prevail winning may be the easy part he would assume office having lost the popular vote i want to assure them that should the election go the way that we think it will that i will work hard to earn their confidence america has a long tradition of uniting once elections are over secretary cheney and i will do everything in our power to unite the nation to call upon the best to bring people together after one of the most exciting elections in our

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the most exciting elections in our nation's history there is enough confidence in the bush camp that the florida recount will stay in their column that they have begun preliminary transition plans a transition that will be headed up by vice presidential nominee dick cheney but there is a wariness as well that the gore camp

will not be satisfied with just a recount that led to a statement late this afternoon by communications director karen hughes who said we expect after the recount that the vice president will respect the will of the people of florida wolfe what are some of the bush aides saying about the prospect of governing if he should win this florida race the prospect of governing as president having come in second in the popular nationwide vote they have supreme confidence in the political skills of this governor they believe that while he goes in obviously with less than what he might have wanted that once he is in this office as one aide said a leader can put together a mandate they fully expect that he can do that in the way that he governs and they toss off the popular vote saying you know we can we can start to move that once it gets into office all right candy crowley and austin thanks for joining us joey wolf meantime in oregon they're still counting votes in another race that's too close to call the slowdown has kept oregon's seven electoral votes in limbo now here's where it stands right now governor bush is ahead at nearly 586 000 votes vice president gore has nearly 560 000 ralph nader trails far behind but he's captured nearly five percent of the vote that's some 55 000 votes next up here our role in this extraordinary election george bush governor of texas will become the 43rd president of the united states what caused that double take on florida when we returned also had senator first lady the congressional balance of power and governing within those tight margins later here win or lose correspondent

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later here win or lose correspondent genimos with tonight's last word you're watching a special edition of the world today [Music] [Applause] no two eyes see the same world no two businesses are identical [Music] and now one company creates internet solutions unique to you fujitsu the possibilities are infinite open up our doors [Music] at all the great stores the ones you look for names you know a few to discover you want selection we got that covered grab a friend bring the family bring yourself and see all this [Music] got yourself into too much credit card debt why not point and click your way out of debt with a second mortgage from ditech.com whether you have equity or no equity good credit or not so good credit dytec has a second mortgage with absolutely no closing cost to help you lower your monthly payments now so point and click your way out of high interest non-tax deductible credit card debt at ditech.com or call us at 1-800-71 fixed [Music]

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open up for those of you who weren't following along with last night's see-saw ride you might have missed the early evening call made by cnn and other news organizations that the vice president had won florida followed by our retraction of that call followed by the media's call that governor bush had won as well as that retraction how those calls were made and how such critical mistakes were made from cnn's maria inahosa i'm so sure to interrupt you 7 50 p.m on election night florida goes for al gore a big call to make cnn announces that we call florida but some florida panhandle polls in an earlier time zone weren't even closed yet and at 9 49 p.m governor bush says the media is ahead of itself the network's called this thing awfully early but the people actually counting the votes are coming up with a little different perspective the anchors were relying on judgment from their news organizations which used data from voter news services vns a consortium at abc cbs cnn fox nbc and associated press vns gathers and reports exit polls and real results but this time problems this was not a race that was called only on exit polls at 7 50 pm when we made the call in florida we also had some tabulated vote actual votes not a majority of the actual votes in the state but some of them and in one county duval county the tabulated vote report was again too democratic it it was wrong so at 9 54 p.m

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it it was wrong so at 9 54 p.m bush's doubts are confirmed we're pulling it back into the undecided column because some bad data came from certain precincts in florida quite honestly we now don't know it could be simple human error in entering the data it could be some other kind of transcription problem but it was it was wrong data hours later another shift george bush governor of texas will become the 43rd president of the

united states at 18 minutes past 2 o'clock eastern time gore even phoned bush to concede but at 3 41 a.m trouble again late south florida votes trickling in for gore the vice president has recalled the governor and retracted his i think the public already has a pretty low opinion of both the political process and of journalism and i'm afraid that what has happened over the past 24 hours will not serve to improve the image of either profession an image media executives promised to improve we're going to learn from this mistake we're going to find out what happened and we're going to do everything in our power to prevent it from happening again members of voter news service say they'll be meeting to discuss what went wrong on election night and we'll take a hard look at how they compile voter data in the future maria inojosa cnn new york and up next the man who was told too's company three's a crowd the green party is blamed for crashing al gore's party a closer look at ralph nader after the break [Music] they have years of training the best education use the latest technology [Music] ditto and as a money financial professional he can answer questions about investments insurance even annuities the training the education the technology to help you get more for your money the money group put money to work for

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the money group put money to work for you well it's nice to see you all it really really is isn't it honey oh yes we must do this more often thanks for coming where will you find the money to pay for long-term care conseco long-term care insurance protects you so you don't lose your nest egg conseco step up at home i'm a mom at work i'm part of the technology group at international paper one of our customers is a bike company who came to us because their bikes were getting banged up and shipping so we invented a new type of box that helps keep their bikes protected the bike i ordered for kristen arrived without a scratch perfect and clean thanks mom cuddles international paper how can we help with your shipping needs tonight on larry king live the fate of the election depends on florida after a night of heart-stopping ups and downs still no winner we'll have the very latest tonight nine eastern what if you could earn your bachelor's or master's degree from a leading accredited university while you're at home at university of phoenix online you can earn your degree when and where you want via the internet you'll learn from instructors who hold level positions in their fields so they can provide valuable insight you'll learn with other successful professionals sharing experiences and exploring new ideas you'll have access to an extensive online research library and you'll earn a state of the industry degree in business technology education or nursing best of all you can complete your degree in about two or three years so you can start applying it to your

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so you can start applying it to your career success university of phoenix online the intelligent way to attend class financing available to learn more call 877 386 grad or visit our website how undecided voters made a difference on cnn newsstands tonight tenney stern there's been talk in democratic circles that if george w bush does come out on top green party candidate ralph nader will have cost al gore this election exit polls show about half of nader voters would have supported gore in a two-way race another 30 percent said they would have sat out the election if nader wasn't running but when asked if he was to blame for gore showing nader turned the tables on the vice president i do think that i'll go across me the election especially in florida and and that's far greater concern than whether i was supposed to help elect al gore for more on the so-called nader effect we're joined by cnn senior political analyst bill schneider bill was ralph nader a spoiler well wolf you can't say that in the popular vote because gore is now leading in the national popular vote count if nader hadn't run as you just reported some of his supporters would have sat out the election and gore's net gain would have been about half the nader vote nader got almost two million seven hundred thousand votes nationwide so if he had not run gore's lead over bush nationally would have gone from what it is now which is about two hundred thousand votes to one and a half million votes really and what about specific states where he seemed to have made a difference well we looked it up and we found three states that bush won or may have won because of the nader vote the first one is new hampshire bush carried new hampshire by about 7 200 votes nader got all over 22 thousand votes in new hampshire give half the nader vote to gore and gore would have carried new hampshire's four electoral votes the second is oregon oregon is now still

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the second is oregon oregon is now still too close to call but bush is leading by about twenty six thousand votes right now nader's vote in oregon is almost fifty five thousand give half of them to gore and gore would probably get oregon's seven electoral votes and finally the state of the day florida right now bush is leading by fewer than 2 000 votes in florida nader got almost 100 000 votes in florida give half of nader's florida vote to gore and you get a clear gore victory in florida no recount bottom line nader was a spoiler in the electoral college he took 36 electoral votes from gore without nader gore would have won the electoral vote as well as the popular vote so not only could nader have could nader still throw the electoral college to bush he could be responsible for creating this nightmare scenario of a president getting elected without winning the popular vote okay bill schneider looking at the numbers thanks for joining us joey ahead here wolf speaks with william bennett of empower america on how the media got it wrong twice also ahead missouri senator john ashcroft's tough race for reelection and its unusual outcome and later here cnn's genie most on what happens when presidential candidates leave us hanging [Music] that's weird i think it's closed what's going on it's closed seems to be the problem closed amazon.com changed the way people shop that is weird hp technology makes it happen it's closed our company needed managed internet solutions psi net delivered we needed management posting psi net fit the bill i wanted

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psi net fit the bill i wanted multi-currency e-commerce psi that was there in over 160 currencies we needed transaction solutions psi net executed specifications on time simply put i needed everything and psinet gave it to me your business internet opportunity is knocking open the door call or contact us today [Music] my personal shopper the latest online shopping tool only from landsand.com [Music] [Laughter] as you can see the terms are good the rate is low there are no points but yes can't you come down a little on the interest it's a very good offer okay then great thanks anyway next want banks to compete over you come to lendingtree.com fill out one form and get up to four offers within hours when banks compete you win at lendingtree.com [Music] peter friedman gets top-notch advice in everything he does so why doesn't he get top-notch advice when he invests online simple [Applause] he doesn't know we can

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see how we earn it solomon smith barney [Music] so it's election day 2 000 plus one on where things stand right now in the florida recount which will of course determine who gets enough electoral votes to win the presidency the recount is complete now in 19 of florida's 67 counties you should be able to see on our latest screens where governor bush and vice president gore stood before the new count with the new numbers factored in the race is separated by 1743 votes in favor of mr bush a check on our electoral map shows oregon and its seven votes is still outstanding but with all due respect to oregon it is a moot point since those votes aren't enough to put either candidate over the top the popular vote by the way is every bit as close as the electoral vote gore leads bush by about 192 thousand votes one of the factors that made last night such a roller coaster came courtesy of those of us in the news media multiple news organizations first declared gore would carry florida and later gave the state and the presidency to bush by sunrise the sunshine state was again a toss-up and a lot of journalists were in for a lot of criticism one of those critics is the co-director of empower america and bush supporter bill bennett mr bennett thanks for joining us and and does it make any difference that all of the tv networks not only cnn but abc nbc cbs and fox all of us made the same mistakes does that make any difference uh no i mean a plague on all your houses i mean for this for this purpose well if you know i'm not a conservative press basher and my relations with the press are pretty good i'm generally treated treated pretty reasonably but i think the reason you all made the same mistake is you're all working off the same structure in the same database now i yelled about it last night on cnn and i've been accused by some of your colleagues of just being mad when gore got to florida not when bush got florida well you compounded the mistake later on and other networks did too my

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later on and other networks did too my reason for saying this is there's a lot of cynicism about politics there's a lot of cynicism about the media people should be careful they should be more careful and more cautious and more thoughtful we don't need more americans saying all it's all a fix uh you know they're all in there calling it the way they want uh the air went out of a lot of people last night when you called florida for for gore and then it went out for awful lot of democrats when you call the election for george bush we were told it was going to be a long night we can take a long night we can even as we're showing take a long day or two we're grown-up people democracy requires some measures of maturity and i think we could have done it rather than the rush to ratings one more thing while i'm at it and i'll get it off my chest the first half hour of this show i think was stirring the pot again and i don't think you guys should come across with the posture that you're more interested in keeping this thing going and finding everybody who might have a possible complaint and getting it resolved well i'm not gonna tilt one way or the other on that point though if the situation were reversed if uh al gore was slightly ahead in the elect in the popular vote in florida do you think that george w bush and his advisors would be doing anything differently well i don't see i don't think george al gore has done anything wrong yet we'll see if anything wrong happens i have to tell you with all due respect for the legal profession you know i'm related to one of the best lawyers in america the site of two secretaries the thought of two secretaries of state and 60 lawyers you know coming you know on competing aircraft is not one that encourages me that we're going to get this thing uh resolved quickly but look if there's massive voter fraud if there's something that you know is really substantial really horrible then obviously you have to look into it and correct it but if you get in the situation which i got a little bit of the flavor of wolf i have to tell you in the last half hour stirring the pot anybody got any complaints is there anybody here who thinks they did anything wrong a little bit like those advertisements you know have a personal injury call us up we'll we'll be available uh you know there's a there there's the constitution

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there's a there there's the constitution and then there's the kind of spirit of constitutional comedy you know if there's some very serious offense here some massive voter fraud by all means uh you know let's look into it and undo it but you know you've got complaints of of uh inappropriateness in st louis uh in wisconsin all over the place and you always would you can always find somebody well i can assure you we're not trying to stir the pot we're just trying to cover cover the news but uh and the news is obviously a complicated story right now sir on a fundamental point though how difficult would it be though for george w bush to to govern as president knowing he came in second in the popular vote nationwide well he lives in and would govern in a constitutional republic uh not in a direct democracy you know i've long complained you know another complaint uh but as secretary of education we don't teach the constitution we don't teach the federalist papers it's a constitutional dem uh republic it's not a direct democracy ross perot had it wrong eight years ago or whatever it was when he said you know we'll have a vote we'll all push a button and we'll decide which way to go it's about debate it's about representation it's about states having representation as well as individuals that's what the founders had in mind that's why you have two senators from every state uh no matter what uh no matter what the population it's a more complicated system than the largest number wins you know that would be that would be the tyranny of the majority and i don't think anybody is in favor of that the founders were smarter than that you know that a lot of people always thought the electoral college in modern times was a time bomb waiting to happen are you among those who believe we should redo that we should rethink this entire electoral college for a bit and just go with a national popular vote and do away with the entire electoral college no because if you've read the federalist papers or taught the federalist papers you know that what they say is we don't want our national big national decisions subjected just to national whims and national passions there's all this filtering process and part of this filtering process part of the structural filtering process

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part of the structural filtering process uh is the electoral college uh and the other ways that we have of uh of representation so i don't want that but we can always call a constitutional convention uh if people are unhappy about it interestingly uh the vice president aided by walter dellinger uh former solicitor general was

very eloquent on this point saying the electoral college is in place we will abide by the results of the electoral college that's what the constitution dictates they're on public record and i have to say nothing the vice president has said so far would lead me to believe that he believes otherwise uh and indeed senator torricelli and others have said that we're not going to change the rules in the middle of the game that would be really inappropriate i think i think the problem for the vice president wolff uh is obviously no rush to judgment do this thing but do it with some dispatch but don't get into the situation where it looks like he is you know wants to grind this thing out uh for uh uh for reasons uh that you know that he's distressed with the result uh this is a delicate balancing act for al gore um i i hope that uh he sees the point that we're a nation of laws indeed but we're not necessarily a nation of litigation at every step and every turn along the way uh bill bennett uh thank you so much for joining us on our special report and joining us now for a different perspective a perspective from the al gore camp is jack quinn former chief of staff for the vice president and legal advisor right now to the gore campaign mr quinn the vice president is down about 1700 votes or so in florida this is an uphill struggle for you knowing the history of ballot recounting as well as you do um yeah but let me let me be clear about a couple of things um here tonight wolf we believe firmly and forcefully that more people in the state of florida went to the polls yesterday intending to vote for al gore than for george bush we believe that if all the votes are counted and counted properly

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counted and counted properly al gore will win the state of florida and will be elected president of the united states one thing i want to be equally clear about is that in in contrast to mr bennett's statement that there may have been fraud here or there no one here is pointing fingers at anyone about allegations of fraud or misconduct or any other malevolence there have been a number of critically important issues that have been raised about the proper counting of ballots in the state of florida we believe that as many as tens of thousands of votes intended to be cast for al gore were not counted for a variety of reasons cnn and and others showed today baskets of uh ballots being brought to polling places that had been misplaced um you're familiar i know with the situation in palm beach county where the ballot design was incredibly horrific and where it allowed pat buchanan to get ten times as many votes as he did in all the other counties in florida and where again literally tens of thousands of votes were not counted because we believe people inadvertently voted for buchanan because of the design of the ballot when they realized they had done so they went back and marked the ballot a second time for gore and consequently their votes were their ballots were thrown out you signed jack quinn like you're setting the stage for precisely what bill bennett is uh warning about a protracted legal battle if the state of florida should come out tomorrow and say we've done the recount and george w bush has let's say a thousand more votes or 2 000 more votes than al gore it sounds as if the gore

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than al gore it sounds as if the gore campaign is going to to litigate this matter in the words of bill bennett is that true well if i'm not ruling anything off the table or on the table but let me be very clear about one thing george bush has a much at stake as anyone else we have to make sure that the people of this country as well as the people of florida and the county in question believe that their votes were counted that they had an opportunity to participate in this democratic election george bush is the last person in the world who should want to be inaugurated on january twentieth with half the country believing that he shouldn't be standing there taking the oath we all have the same interest that interest is making sure that the the people of florida the people of the united states of america had the opportunity to participate in the majestic democracy that has governed us for over 200 years so we all should be on the same side of the table here making sure that we get to the truth that we get a fair and accurate count of the florida vote so that suggests to me and correct me if i'm wrong that this matter might not be resolved tomorrow or the day after but this could take theoretically weeks and weeks before you are convinced that this election was a fair one well the issue i've raised about these ballots as an example in palm beach county simply cannot be resolved tomorrow it cannot um i am led to believe again that there are tens of thousands of votes at stake i also believe wolf that

that if i am correct that these ballots were intended to be marked for al gore that that would very clearly and decisively move florida into the gore column none of us can afford to let this election be decided with that cloud hanging over the result

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with that cloud hanging over the result all right jack quinn unfortunately we have to leave it right there it was good of you to join us go to bill bennett to join us thank you so much we will be right back you made it through another hectic day dinner's over dishes are done ah finally time to relax what a time for really tough heartburn good thing there's something that's just as tough introducing mylanta nighttime strength the strongest antacid you can get made strong to work on even tough nighttime heartburn fast so enjoy your night [Music] if you can new myletta nighttime [Music] strength [Music] [Applause] i just love your sticky buns got feedback stick it in the right place at planet feedback we help you write a letter add it to others and be heard planetfeedback.com the voice of one the power of many the internet goes everywhere because of us the internet is more reliable because of us the internet is growing because of us [Music] the internet is more exciting because of us [Music] the internet is faster because of us the internet is better because of us delivering the most content from the world's biggest network akamai looking to save more and spend less this holiday season with the chrysler holiday sale you can do just that because now you can save over fifty one hundred dollars when you buy a new 2000 concord lx with zero percent financing or choose a low 259 lease on the award-winning 2001

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award-winning 2001 sebring lx sedan so take advantage of the chrysler holiday sale today for savings that let you spend more on a real holiday priority yourself [Music] elaine lee starts a new job on monday she knows to roll over her 401k she doesn't know that rolling over company stock could one day [Music] cost her thousands in extra taxes [Music] see how we earn it solomon smith barney with all the attention paid to the florida race and the seesaw there you might have missed what's going on at the balance of power in the two houses of congress in the senate it now stands at 50 to 49 with one steep seat still undecided that's one out in washington state also looking to the house now the numbers are 222 for the republicans 211 for the democrats two seats remain undecided will continue after break [Music] leading edge is brought to you by fujitsu the possibilities are infinite [Music] [Applause] no two eyes see the same world no two businesses are identical [Music] and now one company creates internet solutions unique to you fujitsu the possibilities are infinite i'm not quite sure how to tell you this

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i'm not quite sure how to tell you this what is it you've only got 40 years left to live maybe 45 50 times [Music] is mr wallace and you are just going to love these turks uh your terms just aren't you're right your rates are a little high that's not good what's the word i'm thinking mm-hmm no want banks to compete over you come to lendingtree.com fill out one form and get up to four offers within hours oh what a lovely time when banks compete you win at lendingtree.com our company needed managed internet solutions psi net delivered we needed management posting psi net fit the bill i wanted multi-currency e-commerce psi net was there in over 160 currencies we needed transaction solutions psi net executed specifications on time simply put i needed everything and psinet gave it to me your business internet opportunity is knocking open the door call or contact us today election 2000 mystified much of the world over the past 24 hours the unusual course of this year's election night left some appalled others amazed one woman from sierra leone offered a suggestion let gore govern for two years and bush for the other two constitutional amendment there genie most now makes the most of what people in this country thought about the results you know how they always introduce the candidates with such false certainty the next president of the united states governor george w bush the next president of these

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w bush the next president of these united states mr al gore bet you never dreamed both could be right who was ahead when you went to bed who's president of the united states clinton the election night coverage whoo what a night was mesmerizing it was sort of like you know the pileup on the freeway you just you don't want to look but just sort of keep getting dragged into it i got up twice in the middle of the night to check i never went to bed last night i went to bed early last night on purpose on purpose commission to miss it if this changes then you may only have to do 10 for 11. between all the math 53 out of here and all the maps cue the electoral map it felt like being back in school look at this map and see what it tells us well the map has disappeared so i'll tell you there were big maps little maps pulsating maps maps that featured a florida that kept changing colors with the networks give us the networks take it away i found that strange that florida was blue and then it was white taking the you haven't heard the last word of that we'll hear more genie moses report later that's it for us though larry king live is next closed captioning not report available run for the presidency hinges on the recount of the florida vote a complete wrap of where the race stands tonight denny stern good afternoon how are you very good thank you have a good flight thanks good afternoon ladies and gentlemen what's that it's a sony i didn't know sony made computers

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sony made computers yeah it's a bio would you mind if i see all electronic devices thank you and have a nice flight sir could you turn off nice computer sony vaio with notebooks and desktops as sleek as they are powerful they could only come from sony real light and fin yeah yeah that's why i got it take our desktop series the vaio slim top has the unique ability to capture edit and share a world of digital content sir yo technology board sir will you please a really nice computer people to take off going on here thanks sir put the computer away sorry call toll free one eight six six eight seven vial to get your own sony bio for a limited time with financing as low as 7.99 apr and 100 off of memory upgrade sony vaio this is control tower looks like we've got another sony vaio on board six weeks before one of the biggest games of my life i felt a strange pain in my chest what my doctor found was my toughest opponent yet three of my arteries were more than 90 blocked after recovering from surgery lowering my high cholesterol became more important than football later i was fortunate enough to coach my team in the biggest game of the season that's the kind of play we need along with a healthy diet and regular exercise taking zocor every day helps significantly lower my total cholesterol zocor is a prescription medication and is not right for everyone including women who are nursing pregnant or may become pregnant or people with liver problems your doctor may do blood tests to check for liver problems because serious side effects can result tell your doctor about any muscle pain or weakness you experience while on zocor and about any medicines you are taking when diet and exercise are not enough talk to your doctor about so forth take care of yourself it's your future be there join bill press and tucker carlson for a special spin room tonight 11 eastern tonight it ain't over yet will bush or gore be the president-elect

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gore be the president-elect the focus is on florida too close to call and recounting its vote we'll talk with gore campaign senior adviser ted devine from nashville from the center of the florida storm democratic congressman robert wechtler he's in west palm beach and in miami republican congressman mark foley and then a round table with veteran newspaperman ben bradley the washington post vice president at large daniel shore senior news analyst national public radio also in washington the former political director for abc news hal bruno you saw him doing state by state analysis last night on cnn and in atlanta cnn senior political analyst bill schneider it's all next on larry king live spokespeople for the bush campaign were invited to take part in tonight's show they declined we begin with ted divine gore campaign senior advisor coming to us from nashville jack quinn was just on with wolf blitzer preceding us he seemed to hint uh tad that you are going to be involved in some way in some legal action over this uh palm beach question is that true well larry we'll have to wait and see you know it's very important that this issue get resolved fairly expeditiously as the vice president said today i don't think any of us know what road would likely to go down but uh we know that this election needs to be resolved so that there's no doubt about who was elected president hypothetically if it stays at around 1700 votes let's say bush wins tomorrow by 1500 in florida's recount what's your next move

well i think we have to wait and see you know as jack quinn said a little while ago we've heard reports of questions particularly around palm beach and whether or not tens of thousands of votes have not been rightfully counted we

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have not been rightfully counted we think al gore won more votes yesterday in america than george bush and we think he won more votes yesterday in florida than george bush so it's it's critical that these issues get resolved uh fully expeditiously so that there's no doubt whatsoever as to who was elected president so have you looked by the way and we'll be showing it i guess they have you looked at the ballot in palm beach county i've seen it on television and and i can see why people found it so confusing and it's your contention then that many many people voted for gore and those votes went to buchanan is that fairly apparent now it seems so larry i mean those are the reports that we're hearing uh verbatim from people there this is something that needs to be looked at and investigated closely and this is a critical issue i mean the legitimacy of the presidency is at stake here so i think it's important that we look at it deliberately we shouldn't rush to judgment uh it's important that everyone uh in this country and around the world have complete confidence in our electoral system it's at the heart of our democracy so that's what's going to happen in the next few days and and the sooner it's resolved the better for everyone but we don't want to hang in limbo do we or do we no limbo no i certainly don't i'll tell you that so uh i think we can look at this uh we've got a lot of people on the ground you know former secretary of state warren christopher bill daley our campaign chairman these are very serious people who are representing the vice president senator lieberman in this cause we've got an expert team down there that has already arrived in florida fine people are looking at this they're going to do their best to make sure it's resolved on behalf of the american people because so much is at stake here and i think they understand it and we'll look at it in the days ahead what's the feeling of your candidates they have obviously won the popular vote they've got this question what's their mood well i think it's uh good you saw them today i thought the vice president's uh press conference or opportunity to speak

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press conference or opportunity to speak to the press was very well done it was important for the american people to hear directly from him he's got to be very pleased by the fact that yesterday he won more votes than any democrat has in history uh it was a remarkable achievement and i think when you think about it in terms of the votes for example that ralph nader won and and so many people who supported him supporting the same causes that al gore talked about extending this nation's prosperity to more people protecting our environment uh i think it's fair to say that his message won out so i think that's very satisfying and uh for him and and for senator lieberman as well is there some anger at mr nader who if we count it up and we buy the fact that let's say two out of three native voters would have voted for gore or not voted you would have won without nader you bitter i don't think we're bitter i think it's unfortunate that uh so many people uh decided to vote for a candidate who obviously was not going to win this election and now we're left with such a close race i think obviously those votes could have tipped the balance not just in florida but perhaps in oregon as well so uh that's unfortunate but i think uh al gore is going to win this election uh in america and in florida despite the fact that ralph nader ran i now we know that that that governor bush was very upset when all the networks this one included called florida in the gore camp early was uh the vice president upset when all the networks called bush a winner before we knew that uh i don't think so i don't he doesn't believe that the only poll that counts is the exit poll you know he was waiting to see the results as as we still are all now waiting to see the final distance so he wasn't making it happen in florida he wasn't mad that he had to make two phone calls no i listen i i think obviously would we would have all like to have this election resolved last night i think the sooner it's resolved the better not just for al gore and joe lieberman but for all of america and we think when

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but for all of america and we think when it is resolved uh they're going to be our next president and vice president thanks ted always good seeing you thank you ted divine senior advisor to uh al gore great panel coming as we mentioned larry king live invited the bush campaign to join in tonight's program they declined earlier today the governor of florida george w bush's brother took himself off the commission that will certify the results of his state's vote recount jeb bush had this to say about the weekend the recount process and its importance there's a process in place if there are real concerns let the process work but please don't over exaggerate the the incidences that you know the accusations let's let's let this be done in a thoughtful way this is this is huge hugely important business and um you know what's at stake is the the next leader of the free world and i think that everybody ought to allow this process to work uh it is a transparent one you all can see how it goes and uh and i think it'll work out fine knowing you you'll want an aisle seat and a special meal knowing you you'll need a room by the convention center knowing you you'll want to know where the nearest golf course is at uniglobe travel we're always in touch we get to know you to help make your business trip or vacation plan successful and if plans have to change there's our 24-hour rescue line knowing you you'll want a place to relax and unwind uniglobe travel always in touch [Music] i can't take it anymore i need a break from the fans of the paparazzi i'm going to priceline.com and planning the ultimate vacation top shelf airline tickets classy rental car swanky tickle groom and then when this gig is over i'm gone baby i'm

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gone baby i'm gone looking to save more and spend less this holiday season with the chrysler holiday sale you can do just that because now you can save over twenty three hundred dollars when you buy a new 2001 town and country lx with 4.9 financing or choose up to 3 000 cash allowance when you buy a new 2000 chrysler minivan so take advantage of the chrysler holiday sale today for savings that let you spend more on a real holiday priority yourself [Music] in case of fire this is a good place to stand unless you're a computer one company that hosts web servers knows that and janus knows them before buying their stock janus went after every drop of information right down to their fire extinguishers their system doesn't use water it puts out fires without drowning computers a minor detail not if it's your money get there janus mutual funds we're joined in west palm beach in west palm beach by congressman robert wexler democrat of florida re-elected to his third term he represents the 19th district in southeast florida parts of palm beach northern broward boca raton and in miami is congressman mark foley republican of florida reelected to his fourth term from the 16th district that's central florida coastal martin palm beach and st lucie counties uh we'll start with congressman foley based on what tad devine just said congressman foley do you think we should is the most important thing that we get it right in other words if there were irregularities in palm beach should they be corrected no question but the allegations here are that people voted for pat buchanan and they didn't mean to vote for pat buchanan right i think these arguments are wrong on their face people were saying today how could 3 400 people vote for pat buchanan jewish people well in palm beach county 8700 voted for him

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8700 voted for him in the uh primary in 96. so you're saying those but they were complaining today weren't they mark well of course they were complaining today because the bush candidacy or at least the president to be bush was announced on national tv so now after the fact we hear a lot of complaints there were some complaints yesterday i went to the polling precincts i met with hundreds and hundreds of voters no one came to me leaving the polls saying i'm confused i didn't understand the ballot it was given to all parties before it was before them yesterday in the election it was given to the democrats it was published in the newspaper it was sent to every registered voter if there was confusion there should have been none or the democrats should have objected before this sample ballot was printed congressman distributed good point congressman wexler you signed off on it well that's not exactly so larry many people did complain to the supervisor of elections when they saw the sample ballot but you cannot appreciate as a voter the full confusion until you actually stick your ballot into the machine but larry people need to understand what this is all about al gore won the popular vote yesterday and he may have won the popular vote in florida and what happened in palm beach county i saw it with my own eyes hundreds of people left the ballot box and became

hysterical in the parking lots when they realized that they had probably voted for pat bugan because screaming in the parking lots oh they became hysterical because this is what happened al gore's name appears second on the ballot but his punch number which is all that matters is third so how do they know they voted wrong because they spoke to their husband they spoke to their friend and people were confused and they asked them if they voted for the second or the third punch number and they probably said oh i voted for the second one because that was al gore

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the second one because that was al gore and then they learned that no the second one was pat buchanan and the palm beach county supervisor herself larry yesterday sent out a urgent message to poll workers late in the afternoon which i've never seen done which said advise the people how to vote because there's mass confusion the other thing that that is incredibly important is it seems now after reviewing the florida election law that all of the ballots in palm beach county were illegally drafted up they had to have bush and then gore it was improper to have buchanan's name above al gore and it was improper to have the punch number to the left congress apparently does that mean you could have a new election in palm beach county with a correct ballot no way no how we've had the vote there was not mass confusion there are apparently 3 400 votes cast for buchanan in mr wexler's own district in 1996 2900 people voted for pat buchanan in the primary it's not as if he didn't deserve one vote i had a reform party candidate running against me in this election 2600 votes he garnered in palm beach county so they're making some assumption that people voted 100 for buchanan in error and i think that is a stretch of the imagination and once again i want to underscore and completely tell people the democrats of which are on the canvassing board a democratic supervisor of election approved the layout approve the ballot and why why did they handle people why did they have to send out a memo late in the afternoon that people are confused if they want obviously they may honestly why they have gotten a few calls larry but that still doesn't suggest at least to me in a statewide election of over 5 million votes cast that somehow in palm beach county 3 400 people arrived at the same conclusion that they

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arrived at the same conclusion that they voted for buchanan in error all right congresswoman are you yeah is this larry robert no your own election experts on cnn have concluded that there were buchanan spikes in palm beach county that make no rational sense um palm beach county amounts to only seven percent of the statewide vote but buchanan got 20 percent of the vote the socialist candidate got 50 percent of his votes in palm beach county and my friend mark foley knows as well as i that pat buchanan no way did he get dozens and dozens of votes in large retirement communities where there are primarily jewish and italian voters they did not mean to vote for pat buchanan and their ballots were incorrect questions robert mark the question comes down simply you want it to be right right you we absolutely want it to be no one wants to be elected with less votes than the other guy in florida right you want a question grievance how do we address the grievance that's redress or grievance well i believe they're going to make from what i've heard tonight a court challenge that's right but i don't think it's accurate and i don't think it's right in again robert wechsler's district 2 900 people voted for pat buchanan in 96 in palm beach county the third highest vote total in 1996 for buchanan was in palm beach county these citizens have a right to vote they may be deranged who are voting for him but they have every right to vote for them let me get a ring we'll pick right up there and we'll spend some more moments with congressman wexler and congressman foley may be deranged pretty funny line uh we'll be right back and then after the congressman our panel assembles don't go away this morning brings news from florida that the final vote count there shows that secretary cheney and i have carried the state of florida

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and if that result is confirmed in an automatic recount as we expect it will be that we have won the election the recount is already underway and i understand the secretary of state of florida has announced to the media that will be completed by 5 pm tomorrow today business is composed of two worlds one of brick and mortar the other a digital reality and as these worlds continue to grow one company will be right there delivering the products and materials needed for success from the steel that builds our cities to the silicon that builds our networks norfolk southern moving the goods that move the economy [Music] want to start a family right now i just got supplemental insurance what's that aflac well if we get sick our health insurance won't cover things like lost pay or other expenses this does what's it called aflac i don't know half-lack without it no insurance is complete i see at the same time almost every day she's always there waiting for me i bring a lunch up to our apartment and i sing italian love sewing stuff phillip morris provides grants to meals on wheels programs so that thousands of seniors can have a hot meal and a visitor philip morris and meals on wheels are fighting more than just hunger among the elderly or fighting loneliness working to make a difference the people of philip morris

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[Music] oh [Music] the e-class perhaps the most desirable car in the you world because of what is at stake this matter must be resolved expeditiously but deliberately and without any rush to judgment despite the fact that joe lieberman and i won the popular vote under our constitution it is the winner of the electoral college who will be the next president our constitution is the whole foundation of our freedom and it must be followed faithfully toward the true result ordained by the american people with their votes in our respective states congressman wexler what's the legal move can can a court case hold this up larry during the commercial break i just got confirmation from a local tv reporter of an incredible fact several thousand ballots in palm beach county have been disqualified because people voted for two presidential candidates in fact it may be as high as four percent of the ballots that is incredibly why did they do incredibly what's that why did they vote for two people because they were thoroughly confused as to whose punch number applied to which candidate and that is why the supervisor of elections sent out its notice but when they get that is why larry under florida law this kind of ballot placement is illegal when they realize they were wrong shouldn't they have opened whatever it is and talked to the people

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whatever it is and talked to the people saying i don't mean this rather than vote for two people which they know would disqualify it well and in fact i've heard many stories where the ballot workers told those people that they could not get another ballot and many of the people then just put their ballot in not knowing what they had done it was mass confusion in many of these precincts of palm beach county and the presidency hinges on this all right congressman foley it seems evident there is going to be a legal squabble here can it tie this up for a while well it couldn't tie it it could tie it up larry but we're talking about voting for president not ordering chinese food this ballot was approved by the democrats i know we're repeating that but well i have to repeat it could a lawsuit tie it up of course it could of course it could and had the outcome been for mr gore i don't think we'd be having the conversation tonight when they announced the electoral results in florida at 7 15 clearly those republicans in the panhandle were disenfranchised we could make a claim legally that every republican county and almost all of them are in the panhandle in joe scarborough's district were disenfranchised because when they were going to the polls they heard on their radios oh don't worry gore won so they may have seen the line and turned around and left that seems like a problem to me as well but we're not sitting here threatening legal challenge and clearly again if the democrats would have had a problem with this they should have dismissed it early enough had a new ballot printed or changed to the design of the ballot we're going to be hearing lots more from this thank you both yeah quickly congressman wexler an illegal ballot if that's what the ballot in palm beach if a court determines it's illegal yeah if it's illegal what the democrats did or the republican did did doesn't matter illegal is illegal confusion is confusion and the presidency shouldn't hinge on it thank you both congressman wexler and congressman foley when we come back

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congressman foley when we come back thank you both you put the issue right at the head ben bradley daniel shaw hal bruno and bill schneider they're with us the rest of the way don't go away [Music] [Applause] no two eyes see the same world no two businesses are identical [Music] and now one company creates internet solutions unique to you fujitsu the possibilities are infinite [Music] is there an insurance company that believes the most important thing they cover is the risk you didn't think of without question the saint paul [Music] what do i know about performance what do i know about control what do i know about grip [Music] great horsepower limited slip rear differential full time all-wheel but drive do we know we're just girls subaru forester sport utility dog car easy been a heck of a 24 hours let's meet our distinguished panel ben bradley vice president at large washington post daniel shaw senior news analyst national public radio hal bruno senior political analyst politics.com he was a political analyst for us at cnn last night and in atlanta bill schneider cnn senior

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and in atlanta bill schneider cnn senior political analyst syndicated columnist before we get into the palm beaches florida ben you got anything in your memory to compare to this well chicago in 1960 hal and i were were veterans of that and it seems to me although that's a long time ago that it's very germane nixon didn't fight it though but nixon didn't fight it but nixon didn't fight it for a very good reason his attorney general was bill rogers who had been the council for the wife of newsweek magazine and bill rogers went out to look at it and came back convinced that there was more hanky as much hanky-panky going on for the republicans yeah the democrats held back on the west side of chicago the republicans held back in downstate illinois and what happened was the democrats held back for kennedy the republicans held back in order to elected governor so it was it was a swept one bill schneider you make anything of this is there a what do you make of this whole thing well it's a mess and we could end up with a result that is kind of a nightmare where the winner of the popular vote does not get elected president and i think the american people are going to have some real qualms about that if gore wins the popular vote and bush goes to the white house there's going to be a lot of consternation and possibly that could be the end of the electoral college daniel shaw does this could this legal thing tie it up do you know anything to tie things up in this country i have this nightmarish vision before me that five years from now four cases coming out of florida before the supreme court and clinton is still in the white house uh but like ben on the mistakes that occurred last night could the washington post you're you used to be there daily i was last night all right could it have come out with a headline as the new york post did today bush wins well a dewey wins thing it could have i mean it's physically possible and they had prepared a story with a headline

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had prepared a story with a headline that said bush is uh going to win but they didn't uh they didn't run it you know you just got to say okay let's go with it or and they never did that what did you make of the mistake last night made by who's whose fault was it how you were part of the scene here and all the networks did it who knows well yeah it was my phone i was full i i fess up where did i first of all when you're when you're actually doing it as you were last night you're on air or you go along you're like riding a river and you just go along with everything that's shouted into your ear we were suspicious of uh the returns coming in from palm beach and from other parts of florida but especially there because we did see the buchanan blip oh yeah and and when i was using doing my john madden trick you know with the telus the the illustrator start illustrator i know how to use it i just can't pronounce it but anyhow uh we circled up there that there you know there was a lot of vote out there and we circled broward and dave that this is where you know where things were missing and so on so we were aware that something wasn't exactly fitting the pattern that was supposed to fit but on the other hand uh when the calls were made they were made to florida were you surprised yeah i was surprised it was called that early because i thought it was going to be close it turned out to be close and it was a very quick call but i'll tell you something larry if you start going down this path towards court challenges fraudulent ballots that sort of thing there are a number of states that gore carried like wisconsin

and iowa by very narrow margins and of course starts raising questions about voter confusion and vote fraud in florida uh bush can start threatening to find cases of voter confusion and vote fraud in some states that gore carried narrowly and this could go on for a long time since i listened to bill no do you know what i've been thinking all day we go around the world the great american democracy teaching people how to build nations how to conduct elections and how to run democracies we are today the laughingstock of the

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we are today the laughingstock of the whole world america you're telling us about running a democracy how could you do a thing like this now i want to add one thing in defense of people i don't usually defend and that is the television networks the man named warren patofsky who for 30 years has done a brilliant job of getting some combination of exit polling real polling or putting it together and getting early counts on what's going to happen on the whole doing very very well all the networks subscribe to his service all of them are guided by him he says he was wrong they made a big mistake then petoskey is going to have to look at his methods or maybe networks are going to have to say is not so important to be first it's more important to be right why do any exit polling at all ben why not just count the votes because there's such a television is such a competitive medium they got to be first that's more important that's all right exit polling exit polling is very valuable to tell you why people vote the way they do but that's what they use it for later yeah exit polling is the best tool there is to analyze after an election why people voted but it's also useful in another way an exit poll tells you during the day what kind of a night it's going to be and it warns you that certain places are going to be close or that the whole entire election is going to have to reveal yet you don't want to reveal it because you don't want to be in a position of telling people what's happened in advance of their voting now what happened yesterday was the exit poll during the day did warn of a very close election and it specifically warned that florida was going to be closed and i don't know for sure what went wrong but i think what went wrong i agree with dan that warren matowski and viennas they do a superb job they very seldom make a mistake but somewhere along the line last night somebody disregarded the warning sign that there's a sharp curve ahead we'll get a break when we come back we'll ask the gentleman to discuss what's going to

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the gentleman to discuss what's going to happen they think in palm beach florida and what's going to happen tomorrow don't go away cnn announces that we call florida in the al gore column cnn right now is moving our earlier declaration of florida back to the too close to call column george bush governor of texas will become the 43rd president of the united states florida has gone from too close to call to gore to too close to call to bush to too close to call tonight on a cnn special report the run for the presidency hinges on the recount of the florida vote a complete wrap of where the race stands tonight 10 eastern happy holidays oh i hope you didn't put all those on the credit card yeah why [Music] do you know what those interest charges are gonna do to us [Applause] [Music] don't worry i used our new capital one card it's impress-free get zero percent interest on all purchases until may 2001 when you apply for a new capital one card today [Music] [Applause] don't let mounting interest charges ruin your holidays apply today for a new capital one card and all your purchases are interest-free till may 2001. gotta tell steve and laura about capital one apply today at capitalone.com what's in your wallet unconventional wisdom with jeff greenfield fridays 10 eastern on cnn okay bill schneider what do you think is going to happen in palm beach you think they're going to hold things up well there's going to be some

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up well there's going to be some challenges i think but i doubt if they're going to invalidate the vote i mean that would be surprising to me they could do that but you know a lot of ballots are confusing i voted in a lot of places where i'm a pretty savvy guy when it comes to politics and i've looked at ballots and i don't know what's going on i mean if you start saying the ballot should be thrown out because of confusion i think that the cases like that could be brought all over the country but daniel sure you said what if it's improperly drawn right well yes i mean the question of whether it's legal or not whether there is a case or not is up to judges to

decide the point of this is the principle is that you are entitled to your vote as an american and if anybody conspires one way or another to deprive you of your vote there may there may just be a legal case similar to somebody will you take that i mean you could you could argue that that you got a bad education uh the schools did not educate you properly and i don't think that's pretty good i think if you get down that path is driven down that path by his associates people are going to get awfully upset but gore could say it's not me it's just people following moses everyone laughing okay nobody bought that okay the best thing that could possibly happen is that florida completes its recount in the next 24 hours and it is decisive recount and what happened in palm beach becomes irrelevant one way or the other and this thing is decided either for gore for bush it doesn't matter for which one but as long as we get this thing over with and get on with the business of the country that's what really well that's nice that's not quite so simple because if it turns out to be bush winning florida we've still got the case that bush would claim the presidency legally under the constitution having lost the popular vote and i think a lot of people would have something to say about that but bill that's not an issue the constitution is perfectly clear that whoever wins the electoral vote is the president it doesn't matter if it's by one vote it doesn't matter what the popular vote is the constitution clearly states the electoral vote winner is the president can some electors vote the other way uh theoretically yes it has not

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theoretically yes it has not i don't recall when it last happened maybe a century ago but there's some that's not talk only about palm beach and those funny things there are mail ballots still coming in which have to be counted they have to go over in every county exactly what happened and make sure that they may or may not finish by five o'clock tomorrow afternoon it may take some time but once the door is open to the idea of litigation you're almost bound to get litigation jack quinn tonight ben almost assured it yeah i heard him i heard him so but data complete there's going to be litigation yeah but it's not going to be litigation if if if the country is rising up and and vice president gore doesn't want to risk his chances for the next four years by tying the do you think he could hurt his reputation oh i think he could not by i think they could hurt his reputation you asked the question about electors in most many states most states i believe they are bound some states they're not there also have been faithless electors recall recently and and and not not that long ago i mean you had one let's see in the 76 election voted for ronald reagan wasn't even a candidate and you had 15 vote for harry byrd of virginia one year what do you do if you bill schneider you're al gore supposing you know you've won the popular vote they bring you information and you believe from the information you've seen that if those palm beach people had voted you'd have won florida do you not file a case if i were al gore and it didn't won the popular vote i think the only question is does it look like there was any evidence of deliberate fraud in palm beach if both parties saw the ballot and they accepted the ballot as legitimate and didn't bring a complaint in advance i don't think you can bring a suit based on the fact that voters may have been confused it was over you agree with that i agree with that i i don't see how bill you can uh take up the uh electoral college as an issue

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an issue now for this election i think you can because people have never confronted the issue before and i think they're going to say wait a minute how did this happen the electoral college looks like an undemocratic institution gore got more popular votes and yet he's not the president people are never in america right we're going to be clinton the only way to correct that and i'm sure that it's going that there is going to be an issue brought up about is the electoral college necessary i mean it wasn't it's like an appendix 65 of the people think it should be right but that requires a constitutional amendment you've got to change the contract so there's a great deal of media attention that was given to the question of electoral college and the possibility that in 8 19 1888 for example with uh that had happened and it could happen a lot of except those who were writing about it expecting it to go the other way yes and they were very surprised at the way it went and the polls were wrong the polls were all the expectations were wrong and all of that and polls no no poll happened we'll have gore winning the popular vote yes there was one yeah i think what did zogby build yeah there was a total of zogby at the very last minute that showed gore edging out bush by about one point which is about what happened uh that was cbs news and there was a zombie poll showing gore winning by two points but

basically the polls were neck and neck all through this thing going back and forth which is just about what happened last night in the election yeah we'll take a break and we'll be right back with more of our panel include some of your phone calls as well tomorrow night more of the same with journalists going over it all we should have maybe a final tally tomorrow night don't go away [Music] [Applause] [Music] what they want to do with this e-commerce site is just great think of the cost it's not coming out of my budget what about hacks things it's gonna crash [Music] we'll have it done next friday [Music] wait scalability what happens if we go

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wait scalability what happens if we go [Music] picture this a place down by the lake front yard of crystal blue water plenty of room for the kids and of course the grandkids if you can picture the future nationwide can too we offer financial services like mutual funds and retirement planning that fit your changing needs and help make your future everything you pictured nationwide insurance financial services on your side looking to save more and spend less this holiday season with the chrysler holiday sale you can do just that because now you can save over 5100 when you buy a new 2000 concord lx with zero percent financing or choose a low 259 lease on the award-winning 2001 sebring lx sedan so take advantage of the chrysler holiday sale today for savings that let you spend more on a real holiday priority yourself [Music] got yourself into too much credit card debt why not point and click your way out of debt with a second mortgage from ditech.com whether you have equity or no equity good credit or not so good credit dytec has a second mortgage with absolutely no closing costs to help you lower your monthly payments now so point and click your way out of high interest non-tax deductible credit card debt at ditech.com or call us at 1-800-71fix bill oregon is in the same situation they can't affect it because whoever gets florida gets it are they recounting in oregon or they haven't fully counted i think they haven't fully counted yet but let me tell you something larry one of the important factors in this race was ralph nader in oregon and in florida he got enough votes those states haven't been called for bush yet

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been called for bush yet they're leaning towards bush in the in the vote count and ralph nader got a lot more votes than bush's current margin in those two states and he also cost al gore the state of new hampshire so what what's happened here is ralph nader was a spoiler in the electoral college he took those 36 electoral votes and gave them to george bush gore would have been the clear winner in the electoral college without the ralph nader vote and ralph nader is the reason why uh gore may not win the electorate so true we have no mandate then do we nobody has a mandate ralph nader is pleased his punch oh he is he is having his day why since he would agree more with gore no uh no ralph nader ralph nader agrees with ralph nader you've been not not listening to her i've had a money agreement it really is you know they both are alike and in order to maintain an honest democratic party which goes back to what you think is gonna go to jordan who am i to talk about ego i don't know the point a good point daniel i forgot i could see this coming you could see the impact that that ralph nader was going to have absolutely chicago hello hey hi larry i'm calling from chicago my name is rosebury i'm going to make i'm going to be very direct uh if they have the signatures of the people who voted in west palm beach why can't they just call those people back and have them and only them re-vote why not ben i mean if they were confused and we want to be right hello mrs solomon it doesn't say so we can figure out all kinds of practices you have to be within the law uh it sounds like a common sense thing to say if you voted for somebody by mistake he didn't mean to vote for give another battle let him go you have to look at the law did the law allow for that or not you can't just make these ad hoc decisions do you sign the the ballot itself or do you sign the application to get the ballots yeah you don't sign the ballot you don't do it maybe you do i don't know you don't say that i voted absentee in maryland we we signed the

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maryland we we signed the envelope that we set it in but we didn't we didn't sign the ballot that's that you're told not to sign the ballot bill could there be a new election in palm beach is that possible i think it's very unlikely look if you did what the caller suggested you do i'm sure an awful lot of bush voters in palm beach would say hey i was confused and they called and they called their friends who didn't vote they get everybody they know who didn't vote to come out and vote for george bush so you're all saying in a sense gorg could prevent all this by just acquiescing to tomorrow's decision i'm not sure something litigation doesn't have to be started by by god but it has to be fueled by gore's enthusiasm and the judges no no but gore may very well say let's go ahead and do this i don't want to disturb things and other people say no matter what you say we're going to sue you can't stop americans from suing god knows but can it stop the process could a suit stop the electoral college from convening i doubt it i don't know i don't think he could do that but it certainly could tie up the florida recount yeah yeah bill you keep referring to the fact that he did get the majority that he got the he won more you got more votes how does that play out what will happen okay he got more votes the electoral college is going to vote for bush so how does it play out other than in anger that's the way it plays out and an angry electorate usually finds some way of making itself heard one of the ways it could play out would be pressure to change the electoral college system we've talked about this before there's one simple change that two states already do maine and nebraska we talked about maine in the election coverage last night maine has two congressional districts it was possible it didn't happen that one could have gone for gore and one could have gone for bush and then since maine went for i think it went from gore the two additional electoral votes for the two senators from maine would have gone to the winner of this state if more states did that we could make a lot then the electoral vote would be a lot closer to the popular vote and you wouldn't need a constitutional amendment but that has to be decided state by state i thought i thought maine did go three

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i thought i thought maine did go three to one out of the four electorates no no i think it did go uh one congratulations i think it went forward if florida had a similar setup would that allay this it probably would because look florida has 25 electoral votes assume bush carried the state of florida he would have gotten two so that leaves 23 congressional districts if gore would have carried say uh 15 congressional districts he would have gotten those 15 electoral votes and the other eight would have gone to al gore and that would have looked more equitable and it would have been divided district by district so that the electoral vote would actually be closer to the popular vote it's a simple reform but states have you could reform it but i i don't think you could do it without a constitutional amendment and the small states who love that electoral college because it gives them you know inordinate and disproportionate republicans like it then because they win more in the smaller states and that takes forever if all those little states have to the constitutional arrangement for electoral college didn't happen by accident it happened because the people who wrote our constitution were worried about the passions of the people didn't want to swept away they wanted to put they wrote a lot of provisions in which they would put reins on it make sure that there wasn't a regional president a sectional president they made it deliberately the way they set a senate with two seats for any any state no matter what the electoral college was set up to act as a check reign on the passions of the american people and that's the problem the passions of the people are going to come into this right now beware the passions of the people if they feel that the wrong guy got elected and the world do you think is laughing well yeah i i i really was coming in from london berlin and so on and it really is i would say snide except i don't want to be unfair to these people but is it an awful lot where does america come off america and it talks about nation-building running elections they're going to tell serbia what to do in nigeria what to do they can't elect the president is there yeah but i wouldn't worry about whether the world is laughing or not the world doesn't understand half of what goes on

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doesn't understand half of what goes on here anyhow stockholm caller from stockholm sweden hello yes uh mr king i'd like to ask your panelist how important is it to the american people that mr gore did not carry his own state and another thing how well informed do your good panelists believe that the american people were

since thomas jefferson said that information is the currency of democracy and one gets the feeling that the media were on the part of al gore and against ralph nader well first of all the fact that gore didn't carry tennessee is irrelevant it doesn't mean much uh adley stevenson wait a minute natalie stevenson couldn't carry illinois twice but he lost yeah and he lost so there's lots of times there's lots of times that candidates don't carry their names i think it hurt it hurt him personally yeah i mean i'll tell you i'll tell you how it hurt i think tennessee hal tell me if i'm right doesn't it have 11 electoral votes is that right yeah yeah if al gore al gore has 260 electoral votes right now if he had carried tennessee his home state he would have been elected and we wouldn't be talking about florida you're exactly right governor senator mcgovern once told me you don't like to lose your own state yeah it's not a matter of what it does it doesn't change in this case but it makes you feel bad you don't like to lose our swedish friend's amputation that we were against ralph nader and that we were for gore bush i forgot which one that i that i would absolutely deny i thought they they really set examples last night of trying to be fair their networks have been fair the newspapers have been on the whole fair and uh sure pro network we'll be right back with more just answers right after this don't go away [Music]

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is there an insurance company that believes knowledge is critical in managing risk without question the saint paul [Music] i can't take it anymore i need a break from the fans of the paparazzi i'm going to priceline.com and planning the ultimate vacation top shelf airline tickets classy rental car swag youtube room and then when this gig is over i'm gone baby i'm gone [Music] you can't live without water can you live without art the bold look of kohler what gives broadband broader impact texas instruments programmable dsp hardware and software that integrates voice video and data into one seamless connection from the world leader in dsp and analog texas instruments [Music] escape to a better place sony vega [Music] no american will ever be able to seriously say again my vote doesn't count

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my vote doesn't count the american people have now spoken but it's going to take a little while to determine exactly what they said the process for that is in motion and the rest of us will have to let it play out i want to congratulate vice president gore and governor bush on a vigorous hard-fought truly remarkable campaign ben could uh gore have kept nader out well not bluntly and and they couldn't have done it in this uh in this last year i don't think but if he had seen him sooner gone to him sooner and said join me and let's see if if we can make an agenda it's a possibility but that would have made gore uh turned to maegor an enemy of clinton and that would have been difficult for gore how strong is hillary tonight daniel hillary's done this great impossible thing she went in she fought she was behind came up learned about new york every part of new york bensonhurst upstate new york and all of that she did what you got to do she worked for it and she got the fruits of her labor she's going to be a presidential possibility in four years of course of course yeah she's going to be mentioned as one whether it's realistic or not i don't know the media is never going to let that idea go away bill well you know she i can't think of another if al gore doesn't become president i don't know of any other democrat who has the national following that hillary rodham clinton would have as senator clinton in the united states congress i mean who's going to compete with her dick gephardt is not speaker of the house gray davis in california no one has the following that she has if al gore is president then both hillary clinton the senator and al gore the president in a way are both bearers of the clinton legacy and when any issue comes up if they ever disagree on some position it's going to be quite a story and with hillary there right wing talk show hosts will be in business at least

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show hosts will be in business at least another six years we'll be back with our remaining moments don't go lefties too mr roberts called and wanted to take money out of his account well to be honest with you i am ready to trade online now i said you know we can do that for you wait a minute fidelity trading you mean brokerage i told him sure just go to powerstreamfidelity.com fidelity.com the site ranked highest in investor satisfaction by jd power and associates sounds like everything i've been looking for oh and one more thing

when you're ready to try wireless trading you let us know to invest call click or visit fidelity painfree has changed its name to move free as we age our cartilage wears down and our joints are less flexible move free with glucosamine and chondroitin helps rebuild joint cartilage promoting flexibility move better feel better with move free from shift [Music] my personal shopper the latest online shopping tool only from landsand.com got yourself into too much credit card debt why not point and click your way out of debt with a second mortgage from ditech.com whether you have equity or no equity good credit or not so good credit dyetech has a second mortgage with absolutely no closing cost to help you lower your monthly payments now so point and click your way out of high interest non-tax deductible credit card debt at dyetech.com or call us at 1-800-71 fixed [Music] it's time now for thoughts about predictions ben what's going to happen uh i think that they'll wind it up fairly fast in florida and uh i suspect they'll wind it up for uh george bush and nothing will happen from the legal there'll be a lot of wound licking but uh i know

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wound licking but uh i know nobody's gonna rise up in the streets i don't think i basically agree with that for what you sense coming out of florida the recount will not change very much and that it will it will be bush i don't think that the litigation if there is litigation will stop the transfer from taking place i agree with that i think the recount will be quickly resolved however there will be legal battles going on on the side streets and i think there will be a very strong movement to do something about the electoral college bill i agree exactly with hal bruno he's been around and i think he knows exactly what he's talking about there's going to be some movement now i'm not saying it's going to succeed because amending the constitution or even getting states to change their election laws is very tough but there will be a lot of popular anger over this if bush if bush becomes president we don't know a a lot of anger that'll manifest itself in pressure legislators on politicians editorial pages newspapers there'll just be a lot of pressure to do something about this outrage what happens to legislation ben with uh that's going to be that'll be fun it's it will not be the world's most impressive uh record legislation i think an important question and we don't have enough time to discuss it but you have a government that's going to be so divided under so much pressure that it's going to be more difficult than it ever was to get anything constructive done we've had gridlock in this last session now we're going to have gridlock on top of the gridlock but so it's going to be a challenge isn't it for president-elect bush if it is bush or gore if it's gore to pull this together right bill oh yes it certainly will be but if it's bush remember something we have a republican uh house and it looks like a republican senate maybe a tie broken by a republican it could be a republican vice president it looks like the congress will be republican the white house will be republican for the first time in almost 50 years it's been 1954 the last time we had republicans in control of everything and i think they're going to be a lot of people in the religious right and gun owners and supply siders who are going

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owners and supply siders who are going to say now we want to pay off so there'll be a lot of pressure if bush's president from conservatives finally to get a payoff for their support but they'll lose the liberals that'll push the liberals over to vote with the it'll block them on the other side right yeah so we could have stalemate right hal there could be still i think the basic necessities of the country will be taken care of as they always are but anything beyond that it's going to be very very tough to move any kind of creative legislation in 1953 brought in a republican congress two years later they lost both houses that's right yeah no this is the off-year thing what if one of them uh what if bush makes uh a couple of uh outstanding democrat that's uh in his cabinet that would be because very smart that would be a very smart thing i think he's got to do something to show he's bipartisan that's interesting the last three experiences we had with unified government were under democrats under clinton in 1993 and 94 under carter in the 70s under lyndon johnson in the late 60s those were not successful and happy experiences for most americans stay tuned now we've got a special late edition wrapping things up with uh bernie judy and jeff and we thank ben bradley daniel shaw hal bruno and bill schneider for joining us and our guests earlier as well it goes on doesn't it uh we'll be back tomorrow night with a panel of journalists looking at x post facto will it be over bill maher joins us on friday and saturday night a little break with cuba gooding jr and montel williams stay tuned for bernie and judy and our man jeff thanks

for joining us and good night who brought down the most infamous lord of the drug trade giving pablo on cnn perspectives sunday 10 eastern only on cnn hey i'm looking for a digital camera that stores images on a memory stick hey do you know where i can find the one that's digital excuse me what did he say never mind which digital camcorder lets me shoot on standard eight millimeter tape

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tape this your car what's the easiest way to email my photos no email hot dog what do i look like a camera salesman got questions about digital imaging ask somebody who knows sony call and get your free sony digital imaging guide it'll tell you all you need to know about digital imaging you'll even get a personalized recommendation on which products are best for you which digital camcorder shoots at night find out how sony's digital cameras and camcorders let you capture edit and share your life like never before yeah megapixels so call now for your customized guide and get a password to sony's members only website i thought i told you to move along call 1-877-702-sony for your free guide there are deals on internet service there are deals on long distance but there's only one way to get a great deal on both call 1-800 pin drop and sign up for sprint 1000 nights with unlimited earthlink internet access for just 30 bucks a month you get a thousand minutes of state to state long distance to use every night of the week plus you'll also get unlimited internet access surf the web check email shop online any time you want it's all in one simple plan with one simple bill for one great price just 30 bucks a month gives you unlimited internet access plus a thousand minutes of nighttime state to state long distance sign up now for sprint 1000 nights with unlimited earthlink internet access one service one bill one low price because some things were just meant to be together hook up with sprint and earthlink at 1-800 pin drop or visit sprint.com unconventional wisdom with jeff greenfield friday's 10 eastern on cnn

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history on hold last night was obviously a historic moment and it's going to be resolved in a quick way we still do not know the outcome of yesterday's vote and i realize that this is an extraordinary moment for our democracy who becomes the next president comes down to one state it's all riding on florida's recount no american will ever be able to seriously say again my vote doesn't count but with the electoral college does it really count should it turn out that governor bush wins the electoral vote not the popular vote that would be a very rare but certainly not unprecedented outcome a look at why some say this american tradition needs to be updated plus the evolving power structure on capitol hill from senator elect clinton i am determined to make a difference for all of you to possible senate appointee gene carnahan the mantle has now fallen upon us the unresolved controversies and what lies ahead for the new congress from atlanta judy woodruff bernard shaw senior analyst jeff greenfield and senior political analyst bill [Music] schneider thank you for joining us we are all still here despite last night's 13-hour marathon on this election set in today's vote recount that started in florida and we still don't know for sure who will be the next president of the united states vice president al gore still leads governor george w bush in the nationwide popular vote by a margin of about 192 000 votes of course this total is not what determines the next occupant of 1600 pennsylvania avenue it is the total number of votes in the electoral college and right now our map has gore in the lead but the

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our map has gore in the lead but the states of florida and oregon are still too close to call this election will come down to the man who wins florida and its 25 electoral votes and as the florida recounting progresses the gap between governor bush and the vice president is narrowing just a bit bush now leads gore by 1743 votes in addition to the pressure on florida's vote counters state officials are coping with complaints about problems with voters and ballots yesterday bush supporters are downplaying these concerns but jack quinn a former gore chief of staff raised some new questions a short time ago during an interview with cnn there have been a number of critically important issues that have been raised about the proper counting of ballots in the state of florida we believe that as many as tens of thousands of votes intended to be cast for al gore

were not counted for a variety of reasons if there's some very serious offense here some massive voter fraud by all means uh you know let's look into it and undo it but you know you've got complaints of of uh inappropriateness in st louis uh in wisconsin all over the place and you always would cnn's john king is with the gore campaign and we will go to him in just a little bit but first our patty davis is in tallahassee with more on this ballot controversy and the recount patty judy the recount began today here in florida hoping to settle the question of who gets florida's crucial 25 electoral votes it all comes down to this recounting florida's nearly 6 million ballots one by one we understood that you know while the people of the state of florida deserve a quick resolution to this issue they more certainly deserve a methodical

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more certainly deserve a methodical a diligent and an accurate resolution many of florida's 67 counties reported their recounted votes the day after the election as of yet vice president al gore is still behind texas governor george w bush but gaining all counties must report their recounts by the end of business thursday both sides sent observers to oversee the recount two former secretaries of state james baker for bush and warren christopher for gore meanwhile democrats charged election fraud and voter intimidation in florida florida governor jeb bush george bush's brother promised to prosecute anyone committing voter fraud to avoid a conflict of interest the florida governor says he will recuse himself from the committee that will certify the state's election results florida's division of elections is keeping that account on its website but it has been so inundated there is so much demand on that website that they're having to add new servers tonight judy patty when they do the recount are they counting all the ballots including absentee ballots that were not officially part of yesterday last night's count they're going to they're going to be counting all the ballots that were cast but that's a good question about absentee ballots because a lot of those absentee ballots are not in yet in fact some of them overseas sent them overseas they have 10 days after the election date that would be november 17th to get those absentee ballots in then those would be added to the total voter counts at that point so we still could have quite some time here the the division of elections here saying that all counties must report by tomorrow close of business we could know earlier than that though since we're getting some good returns from these counties but the absentee ballots then will be added on top of that judy and are they giving you any ballpark figure patty as to how many absentees there are still outstanding they're not they're not giving us that figure in fact the state doesn't keep

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figure in fact the state doesn't keep control that the counties send that out on their own the counties uh would have to be talked to one by one really to uh to to decipher exactly what that figure is it's been speculated back in 1996 there were some 2400 or so uh ballots absentee ballots that were cast the majority of which by the way went for republican bob dole so uh the bush campaign is hoping that a lot of those absentee ballots when they come in will be going their way judy and finally patty uh can you give us an update now on now that this much of the recount has taken place to what extent uh has it changed the total has is one candidate or another been advantaged by this that's a good question you have 19 counties so far out of 67 counties here in the state of florida reporting but it's pretty much a wash we've got uh al gore gaining and george w bush gaining but not by much the number still stands at bush leading by 1743 votes judy very very close and patty just one other quick thing tomorrow they just finished the recount and then it's announced at some point when uh that the state board of uh the the division of elections uh we'll put those figures out we don't know whether they would be holding a press conference whether they're gonna decide that uh it's too close yet and they're gonna wait for those absentee ballots we just have to wait and see what they decide to do tomorrow judy all right cnn's patty davis in tallahassee thanks very much bernie in a few minutes a couple of veteran journalists will join us to talk about vote counting and allegations of voting irregularities in florida next on our special report the candidates finally they speak out confident that the secretary and i will become the president-elect and the vice president-elect in short order this matter must be resolved expeditiously but deliberately and without any rush to judgment

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judgment despite the fact that joe lieberman and i won the popular vote we'll have more on how the campaigns are handling this unprecedented uncertainty also ahead those early calls we're going to look at news media eagerness and public expectations and later the other end of pennsylvania avenue will check the new balance of power in congress [Music] a typical day for the i.t manager everyone wants everything now luckily cdw your direct solutions provider can custom configure computing solutions from 50 000 top main products like the featherweight toshiba portagee with the power packed performance and exceptional graphics of toshiba solutions cdw will never leave you hanging [Music] toshiba and cdw the smart call for business who cares i don't make the money i did in the city i love what i'm doing and joe is right rolling over my 401k and the rest of that plan with guardian helps me take care of my boys this little town this little paper it's the kind of hometown i always wanted besides where else am i going to cover a story like mrs tadlock's whirligigs there's a place we all want to be go there with guardians you say you want to take a big vacation this year as long as it is within reason what is within reason to you [Music] is riding a waterfall down the face of a mayan temple through shark-filled waters within reason his dancing beneath the dome of golden seashells within reason is uncovering the royal

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within reason is uncovering the royal towers of a lost city that has risen from the sea within reason this year will you expand your definition of what is within reason to include atlantis atlantis once upon our time call 1-800 atlantis or your travel professional now for january travel specials [Music] you can't live without water [Music] can you live without art the bold look of kohler [Music] my personal shopper the latest online shopping tool only from landsand.com [Music] in the wee hours of this morning both presidential candidates called off speeches to their supporters because of the uncertainty of the vote count and things didn't get much clearer today but both candidates finally appeared before the cameras our correspondence john king and candy crowley stayed up during last night's long vigil and they join us now with the latest from both camps and i can't believe both of you are awake at this hour john king we're going to start with you and the vice president's day in tennessee well judy when the vice president did come out he chose his words very carefully he thanked his campaign staff he praised the millions of voters who helped him to a surprise victory in the popular vote otherwise though he took a very much a wait and see attitude as this remarkable breathtaking political story now blossoms into a legal controversy

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legal controversy not ready to predict victory not ready to even think again about conceding defeat because of what is at stake this matter must be resolved expeditiously but deliberately and without any rush to judgment the vice president was the surprise winner of the popular vote but acknowledged it would be only a symbolic victory if florida ends up in the bush column under our constitution it is the winner of the electoral college who will be the next president our constitution is the whole foundation of our freedom and it must be followed faithfully the words were delivered calmly but there was no forgetting the calamity of the night before mr gore had already congratulated governor bush and was just minutes away from a public concession here when he was told the florida gap was narrowing and that a recount was mandatory under state law former secretary of state warren christopher leads the legal team urgently dispatched to florida but i don't have any reason to think we're on the edge of a constitutional crisis and we don't intend to try to provoke a constitutional crisis the gore team will not only monitor the recount but also raise questions about a ballot it claims confused perhaps 2500 or more gore supporters into voting for pat buchanan by accident we believe when those votes are counted and that process is complete totally complete al gore will have won the electoral college in the popular vote and therefore is will be the next president but recount veterans say history heavily favors governor bush it's better to be ahead in the recount and actually if if it is the bush people think 1800 votes it sounds like a little amount but actually in a recount that's a lot of votes to overturn to actually win a stage on the day after no shortages of what-ifs in the gore ranks what if ralph nader hadn't siphoned off so many democratic votes what if the vice president had been more aggressive in the first two presidential debates but mostly the thought was what now they say the vice president knows the odds are long but urged his exhausted campaign team to keep his spirits high

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campaign team to keep his spirits high while awaiting florida's final words and while he waits this much is certain perhaps one thousand two thousand of the nearly six million votes cast in florida and the more than 100 million votes cast nationwide will decide a presidential election that right now defies explanation judy all right john king we want you to stand by even though it's raining and we appreciate that but we'll come back to you just a moment because now we want to go to cnn senior political correspondent candy crowley who spent another long day with the bush camp in the texas capital austin candy judy the bush camp is confident enough that that recount will still show florida in the bush column that they are beginning to cautiously put together a transition team it will be headed by vice presidential nominee dick cheney they are already tossing out some names andrew carter former transportation secretary under father bush is expected to be the chief of staff having said all that there is really very little the bush camp can do right now but sit and wait with the rest of us the once declared president-elect hopes to soon regain his title this morning brings news from florida that the final vote count there shows that secretary cheney and i have carried the state of florida and if that result is confirmed in an automatic recount as we expect it will be that we have won the election after an astounding night of doubt then triumph then uncertainty a sense of the surreal has pierced the trademark optimism of the bush camp it was an amazing night as you all know since you lived through it i watched it this morning on television some excerpts and i thought that maybe it had all been a dream but then i realized i was awake the whole time his running mate by his side the republican nominee was low-key but positive as he recounted the evening including that second phone call from vice president al gore to retract his earlier concession listen

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to retract his earlier concession listen to what he had to say well i i was i felt like uh we i was fully prepared to go out and and uh give a speech and uh thanking my supporters and uh he he withdrew his uh his earlier comments and here we said sitting and waiting isn't easy but the hottest spot may belong to florida governor jeb bush who spent the long night in austin there was some consternation with the florida's governor during our family dinner when uh somebody jumped the proverbial gun as we say and um so he's the person that really went to us some uh you know obviously some interesting emotions uh i was confident that uh when it was all said and done in florida would be taken off the the um the declared you know state role and that cooler heads would prevail jeb bush left austin wednesday morning to return home to florida former secretary of state james baker is also headed to the state to look after bush's interests there the bush camp also has a lawyer on the ground in each precinct to monitor the recount should bush prevail winning may be the easy part he would assume office having lost the popular vote i want to assure them that should the election go the way that we think it will that i will work hard to earn their confidence america has a long tradition of uniting once elections are over secretary cheney and i will do everything in our power to unite the nation to call upon the best to bring people together after one of the most exciting elections in our nation's history despite the cautious confidence there is a certain wariness in the bush camp as well a feeling that the vice president al gore will not let it rest with a simple recount in florida they believe

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recount in florida they believe he might pursue other things and were quite worried about his news conference earlier today thus late this evening communications director karen hughes put out a statement saying that after the recount we expect the vice president will respect the wishes of the voters of florida judy all right let's bring john king back in candy john what about that what are the prospects that the vice president won't let it rest with just the recount that he will pursue it further how much further will he take it well aides say they can't discuss any possible legal challenges yet this is what they say that if they are satisfied that the recount is thorough and fair and if it shows governor bush ahead that the vice president will do just what he was prepared to do what he came about five minutes from doing last night here at the war memorial he will concede the election but they have concerns you had the sound earlier in the show from jack quinn most of it focuses on palm beach county they believe the ballot there was quite deceptive they think pat buchanan got

3 500 votes 3 400 something votes in that county way in excess of what he got anywhere else in the state the gore campaign believes that at least 2500 of those people perhaps even more meant to vote for gore but were visually deceived by the ballot and punched the buchanan slot they also think that many gore supporters realized their mistake in addition to that and after punching buchanan then punched gore the ballots were punched twice many of them thrown away because they had two presidential candidates picked so they want an investigation into that the republicans however saying crying over spilled milk that the ballot was published and approved before the election that the county election commissioner is a democrat and that if anybody objected to the way that ballot looked they should have done so before the election candy crowley there have been reports that the governor bush seemed put out by the fact that the vice president called leighton said i'm retracting my concession can you tell us anything about that he sounded a little testy in that video clip we saw i you know there's a you know you can sense

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sense uh that they are as i said wary um that they are a little ticked off i don't know that it's directed completely at the vice president but you you uh when communications director karen hughes was also um there was an edge to her voice when she described the phone call that the second phone call when the vice president retracted his concession um so you know the combination of a lack of sleep uh there's no not a lot of love lost between these two men as i'm sure you know and the tension of the situation i think it's very fair to say uh that at this point they're a bit uh put out and ticked off yes and john king just to quickly wrap up here what then would do we look for tomorrow from the gore people do you think we're going to know definitively tomorrow whether they're going to pursue this whether they're going to pursue this unclear whether we'll know they want to have their people go into tallahassee also to go into palm beach county other places where what they call irregularities they are believed to have occurred they say if they are convinced it's fair and thorough they will concede the election warren christopher's saying we don't want a constitutional crisis the vice president significantly noting he knows it's the electoral college winner who is the president they're not talking here about trying to lobby or sway any of the electors if this is close they are though raising some serious questions and it may not just be the gore campaign some people already filing suit in palm beach county over that ballot some other democrats thinking about making irregularity complaints to the justice department so no matter what the gore campaign wants to do the legal challenges may go on the gore campaign's saying it won't make up its final decision until mr christopher and the other lawyers get on the ground in tallahassee until they see the results of that recount tomorrow and as we speak tonight they say they are making some progress that counts suspended for the night but they believe some 20-something counties of the 67 have been counted and they believe they're making up some ground not enough yet though all right john king in nashville candy crowley in austin we hope you both get some rest thanks very much still ahead on cnn's special report election 2000

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special report election 2000 journalists from two florida newspapers we'll talk to bernie about the recount in the presidential race and later a who's who in the new congress we'll be right back [Music] okay in music as in global banking it takes precision passion and expertise to orchestrate success [Music] to create exceptional performance design technology so huh where are you hiding this uh new internet hot joey orders i felt fred yeah and then he's uh super busy one moment okay fred got time to meet a business associate ah no can do chief i'm working on that new e-commerce package for you what's the best kept secret on the web interland with everything from affordable site design and hosting to e-commerce plus your own personal account manager workaholic [Music] ubs financial services group the partnership for success

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partnership for success florida's automatic recount with the additional overseas ballots will determine the presidency joining us to talk about that tom fiedler the editorial page editor for the miami herald also with us tonight sharish date the tallahassee bureau chief from the palm beach post gentlemen let me first start with

you sharish and ask each of you this question based on your reporting based on your talking in the telephone based on what your colleagues are saying on the ground what are election officials saying and thinking well right now in palm beach county they're they're saying well we made the ballot for a reason that was to help people see the names we put it in big type i don't know if you can see this this is what most other counties did they had all the names going down in a row and therefore the hole that you punch out is right next to the name now palm beach now by now everyone has seen the butterfly ballot and it was to some people very confusing what they can do about it now remains to be seen it lawyers are saying it's perfectly legal that the elections officer in palm beach county had every right to make it that way and that was appropriate to do it that way tom well as john king alluded earlier there's an awful other an awful lot of other people on the ground who are getting ready for a legal assault on this uh the the uh the case at least by implication that there's something seriously wrong with uh with the count in palm beach county i think is pretty compelling you had you've seen the numbers all night but there were something like 570 people in all of miami-dade county who voted for pat buchanan and then 3407 in palm beach county a county with about half the population so more than six times as many if you made that proportionately be twelve times as many people voting for pat buchanan and in precincts that um that we know to be uh jewish precincts now you're not gonna see many jewish democrats voting for pat

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see many jewish democrats voting for pat buchanan so i think there's a again there's a pretty good case here that something went dramatically wrong you add to that the high number of ballots where the ballot itself was just tossed out because they were double punches and i think there's a solid case there for somebody to go to court which they're getting ready tom what are you hearing back channel what are election officials saying and thinking well what the the elections officials are being very very careful to make sure that anything that they say will uh allow them to make a defense against these expected challenges such as as sharice just said they are making the point that this was done for a good public purpose to help particularly older voters see more clearly they say that these ballots were distributed in advance sample ballots they had people at the polling places who were not only ready to assist but to help somebody walk through the bout so they are they're very cognizant i think of the uh expected attacks here and they're being careful not to provide any ammunition to the challengers sharice hi it's jeff greenfield explain something to us if if i if i go into a voting booth and i'm confused if i double punch my ballot and it's thrown out i walk out and i think oh my god i pulled the wrong lever legally speaking uh there's nothing anybody can do about that right well it depends how far you get out if you leave the little voting table and in florida we don't really have the enclosed booths anymore we just have a little table with a little privacy shield around it if you leave there and say hey i messed up my ballot and i have another they give one to you uh if you leave the polling place if you put the ballot in the machine and it's gone that's it okay there's nothing more you can do so that's my point so all of the conversation of people who left talk to their friends realized good heavens i punched the wrong card in a legal sense whatever the the right and wrong may seem morally my sense is that's it uh either of you well absolutely and i think that's the point that uh governor bush of florida is making and and the elections officials are making but look

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elections officials are making but look i mean the day of the election before anyone knew what the total was going to be we at the post were getting dozens of phone calls from people upset that they thought they'd done the wrong thing and so forth and the numbers if you if you extrapolate uh like like tom suggested uh gore would have picked up 2 100 votes if the palm beach county voters had just voted for buchanan in the proportion as they did statewide and he would have picked up 2 800 votes had they voted the way broward county voted for buchanan demographically pretty similar places this is bill schneider uh for either of you is what can be done what is the legal redress can they call a new election in palm beach county what could happen well that's the question of the moment bill i i i the hope obviously of those people who are challenging the election is that they can build at least a strong enough circumstantial case that perhaps by going to a a friendly judge or a a relatively liberal judge they can make the case that uh these that the

election results in palm beach county ought to be set aside a new election ought to be called and only those voters who actually participated in the first election and you know that because they signed it be allowed to come back and redo it that's a long long shot okay gentlemen thank you very much harish data and tom fiedler judy whoa this story never stops getting bigger well there is much more to come in this cnn special report election 2000 the widow of missouri governor mel carnahan contemplates her husband's win in the u.s senate they'll also take a look at other fresh faces in congress where do you find inspiration what if the things you do every day could be done with tools so instinctive using them would be like riding a bike [Music]

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[Music] if technology became your silent partner imagine what you could imagine we believe it's time to move beyond information technology to inspiration technology welcome to the new it from compact mr wallace yeah you are just going to love these turks uh your terms just aren't right i'm so sorry mr regan your rates are a little high that's not good what's the word i'm thinking mm-hmm no want banks to compete over you come to lendingtree.com fill out one form and get up to four offers within hours oh what a lovely time when banks compete you win at lendingtree.com tonight in the spin room bill press and tucker cross and look at what could be the spin of the century tonight 11 eastern on cnn john mapes is 33 mortgage married two great kids he wants to protect his family with a 500 000 term life insurance policy what do you think it'll cost it 100 a month 60 40. actually none of the above john can get a 500 000 policy from a highly rated insurer for right around 17 a month his secret select quote select quote is impartial they'll search the pick of insurers like these to give you a choice of your best prices select quote has great savings on term life for women too john's wife kerry can get a two hundred and fifty thousand dollar policy for under nine dollars a month select quote has helped make term life insurance affordable for hundreds of thousands of people since 1985. how about you just call this number or visit selectquote.com who brought down the most infamous drug lord killing pablo

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lord killing pablo sunday 10 eastern while we still do not know who will succeed bill clinton as the next president of the united states whoever it is will face a divided congress republicans now hold 50 seats in the senate and the democrats have 49 with one race in washington state yet to be divided or decided over in the house chamber wednesday's projections gave republicans 220 seats democrats 211. cnn's washington bureau chief frank sesno takes a closer look now at some of the newcomers and the old timers on capitol hill the gop retains control in the u.s house by the slimmest of margins while in the senate though republicans still rule it could be evenly divided between the two parties that's why just about the only thing that's unanimous these days is this finding the votes to cut taxes reform social security past budgets and bills will require something washington has not seen in years we're going to have to operate on a bipartisan basis more than we ever have it can't just be a slogan nobody's going to be able to get anywhere on anything either side has the ability under the 60 vote rule to stymie the other if they want to just as it takes 60 votes to break a filibuster the numbers tell the story in the senate one race still too close to call between incumbent republican senator slade gorton and democrat maria cantwell in washington state a cantwell victory would create a 50-50 senate split in missouri republican john ashcroft lost to mel carnahan who died in a plane crash a few weeks ago his widow takes his place a mournful first ashcroft wants closure i will not initiate any legal challenge and i will not participate in any legal challenge i believe that the will of the people has been

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that the will of the people has been expressed other turnovers veteran republican william roth of delaware loses to the popular democratic governor tom carper michigan spencer abraham a republican who rode in with the gingrich revolution of 94 loses to democrat debbie stabenow democrats lost their senate seat in virginia it goes from chuck robb to former governor george allen and then there's hillary rodham clinton soon new york's senator clinton my first bill on my own behalf will concern the upstate economy senators on both sides say clinton should expect no special treatment despite her marquee value and secret service

entourage says one republican nobody is going to be bowing and scraping to her in the house there's no running room for a fractious majority can conservative and moderate republicans agree with one another let alone democrats i think we're looking for people and i think the american people are looking for people who are willing to bring people together and get things done several lawmakers say they interpret this down the middle election as a signal that voters want moderation and want their government to bicker less and accomplish more after years of partisanship accusation and investigation it won't be easy frank says no cnn washington voters decided 11 gubernatorial races at the polls tuesday one incumbent was defeated and one woman elected in races across the nation democrats won eight states and republicans three dropping the gop total from 30 to 29. we know that yesterday's presidential election was a battle between two political giants but a battle of the sexes our bill schneider explains as this cnn special report election 2000 continues you say you want to take a big vacation

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you say you want to take a big vacation this year as long as it is within reason what is within reason to you is riding a waterfall down the face of a mayan temple through shark-filled waters within reason is dancing beneath a dome of golden seashells within reason is uncovering the royal towers of a lost city that has risen from the sea within reason this year will you expand your definition of what is within reason to include atlantis atlantis once upon [Music] 800 atlantis or your travel professional now for january travel specials is director of product development paul news i networks is building the new high-performance internet the wireless internet with optical technology that makes it faster overall this has been an exciting more reliable but the next few months will mark the beginning of goes inside come together with technology [Music] my personal shopper the latest online shopping tool only from landsand.com yup yup [Music]

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[Music] avaya communication without boundaries [Music] life is uncertain [Music] bring good insurance firemen's fund [Music] bill schneider is forever nosy about what voters think when they leave the polling booth exit polls bill bernie nothing went as expected last night especially in florida early this year a lot of people expected bush to carry florida handily because cuban americans were so angry at the clinton administration's handling of the alien gonzalez affair but look at what happened florida's hispanic votes split between bush and gore how could that be the hispanic vote in florida used to be heavily cuban-american and overwhelmingly republican no more cuban-americans are outnumbered by other hispanic voters dominicans puerto ricans and south americans who tend to vote strongly democratic that plus the fact that second and third generation cuban americans tend to be less republican than their parents and grandparents late this year a lot of people expected gore to carry florida handily because of the social security and prescription drug issues not so florida voters 65 and over actually voted for bush by a narrow majority

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majority seniors tend to have traditional values and many were disturbed by the moral tone set by the clinton white house now here's something that did go as expected the gender gap nationally among men the election wasn't even close men voted for bush by an 11-point margin the election wasn't close among women either women voted for gore by 11 points the election was a gender showdown fought to a standoff bush the president of men versus gore the president of women this election has been called a ground war who delivered on the ground if gore becomes president he'll owe organized labor big time labor mobilized on his behalf among the one quarter of voters from union households gore scored nearly 60 percent of the vote he lost among non-union voters if bush becomes president he'll owe gun owners big time the national rifle association got them out for bush nearly half of all voters tuesday had a gun at home we hope bush carried over 60 percent of gun owners he lost among non-gun owners so the ground war was between union voters and gun owners of course some union members actually own guns now what did they do you know what they split 50 50. bill schneider one quick question the role of ralph nader well ralph nader was a spoiler in the electoral college not in the popular vote because gore was still leading in the popular vote but in the electoral

college we identified three states uh where oregon oregon one um oregon new hampshire and florida where nader either threw the vote to george bush or could because we haven't declared the winner in either oregon or florida but bush is winning in both states without nader gore would have won the popular vote as well as the electoral vote he is winning the popular vote but the electoral vote

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popular vote but the electoral vote clearly would have been with al gore so not only could ralph nader throw the electoral college vote to bush he could also be responsible for creating the scenario of a president getting elected without carrying the popular vote yes he really was a spoiler thank you bill schneider there's more to come on the cnn special report election 2000 we'll examine why the television networks call the state of florida for gore then for bush and then entirely undecided we'll be right back [Music] okay in music as in global banking it takes precision passion and expertise to orchestrate success you say you want to get away from it all how far do you want to go another state another country or another world where you can ride a waterfall down the face of a mayan temple through sharkville waters or you can dance beneath a dome of golden seashells and dine with all the creatures of the sea where your room is suspended in the sky and reality is suspended indefinitely how far do you really want to go do you want to go as far as atlantis atlantis once upon our time

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once upon our time call 1-800 atlantis or your travel professional now for pre-holiday season travel specials it's roomy interior makes it incredibly comfortable it's 200 horsepower makes it hard to sit still here the new chrysler sebring lxi sedan people let's move i'm 3. and now it's a consumer's digest best buy you are absolutely gorgeous oops he's not gonna like that perfect now tell me this isn't the finest crop you've ever seen why don't you go next for the best flakes we only accept the best corn kellogg's corn flakes ubs financial services group the partnership for success [Music] technology it's meant to make it easier to determine the winner of an election but sometimes either technology doesn't cooperate or something else gets in the way cnn's maria inohosa takes a closer look at what made election night 2000 one for the record books 7 50 p.m on election night florida goes for al gore a big call to make cnn announces that we call florida but some florida panhandle polls

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florida but some florida panhandle polls in an earlier time zone weren't even closed yet and at 9 49 p.m governor bush says the media is ahead of itself the network's called this thing awfully early but the people actually counting the votes are coming up with a little different perspective the anchors were relying on judgment from their news organizations which used data from voter news services vns a consortium at abc cbs cnn fox nbc and associated press vns gathers and reports exit polls and real results but this time problems this was not a race that was called only on exit polls at 7 50 pm when we made the call in florida we also had some tabulated vote actual votes not a majority of the actual votes in the state but some of them and in one county duvall county the tabulated vote report was again too democratic it it was wrong so at 9 54 p.m bush's doubts are confirmed we're pulling it back into the undecided column because some bad data came from certain precincts in florida quite honestly we now don't know it could be a simple human error in entering the data it could be some other kind of transcription problem but it was it was wrong data hours later another shift george bush governor of texas will become the 43rd president of the united states at 18 minutes past 2 o'clock eastern time gore even phoned bush to concede but at 3 41 am trouble again late south florida votes trickling in for gore the vice president has recalled the governor and retracted his i think the public already has a pretty low opinion of both the political process and of journalism and i'm afraid that what has happened over the past 24 hours will not serve to improve the image of either profession an image media executives promised to improve we're going to learn from this

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improve we're going to learn from this mistake we're going to find out what happened and we're going to do everything in our power to prevent it from happening again members of voter news service say they'll be meeting to discuss what went wrong on election night and we'll take a hard look at how they compile voter data in the future maria inojosa cnn new york and in just a moment we go from polling and television and technologies the founding fathers never imagined to what many feel is an outmoded legacy of their great debates jeff greenfield looks at the electoral college when this special report continues [Music] they're the largest creatures on earth they've adapted and evolved with strength and determination the kind of strength that helps the pacific life family of companies manage more than 300 billion dollars for its clients and determination that has guided pacific life for 130 years size strength longevity offering annuities insurance and investments use the power of pacific life looking to save more and spend less this holiday season with the chrysler holiday sale you can do just that because now you can save over 2 300 when you buy a new 2001 town and country with 4.9 financing or choose a 299 lease on the award-winning 2001 chrysler voyager so take advantage of the chrysler holiday sale today for savings that let you spend more on a real holiday priority yourself [Music] every great room has to start somewhere the most beautiful rooms start with hunter douglas silhouette window shadings duet honeycomb shades luminette privacy shoes [Applause]

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[Applause] call 1-800 hunter deep for a free decorating guide filled with the latest ideas in window fashions hunter douglas where great rooms begin bringing you the world for 20 years this is cnn 1994 was the first time in 40 years that the democrats lost control of the house of representatives it was a revolution in american politics just two years into bill clinton's term suddenly he was handed the biggest setback any democrat has had in decades whatever extent that we didn't do what the people wanted us to do they were not aware of what we had done i must certainly bear my share of responsibility and i accept it was a very dramatic setback for this president newt gingrich became speaker it was a very exciting moment republicans never dreamed that they could capture control of both houses of congress so it really was a revolution in american politics but we're going to do it we're going to change america we're going to give america back to the people that's what they've wanted for a long time democrats lost a lot of big states in 1994 and the republicans kept those states in 1998 because times were good and of course congress has remained under republican control so we're still living with the aftershocks of 1994. cnn 20 is brought to you by sir speedy printing copying digital network for outstanding document solution and the center near you visit sir speedy.com business e-business sir speedy printing sirspeedy.com face-to-face online interface personal productive local global very human very modern easy easy sir speedy either way

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sir speedy either way [Music] [Applause] jeff greenfield the prospect of having a president who has maybe was the popular vote loser but the electoral college vote winner raises all sorts of questions about us doesn't it and about the system we used to really pick the presidents it was thomas jefferson who called it the most dangerous block on our constitution famed author james mitchner himself once a presidential election said it was a reckless game with destiny would someday might wreck our country they were talking about the electoral college a time bomb that has been merely ticking away in our constitution for 200 years last night it just may have exploded they met in philadelphia in the summer of 1787 the founding fathers didn't even know if they wanted a president much less how to pick one they wanted a chief executive not a tyrant and they certainly didn't want the public to choose so they came up with the idea of electors men of distinction and virtue they'd win over choice to a few and the framers thought it would then be up to the house of representatives to make the final choice the time bomb blew up in 1824 andrew jackson outpolled john quincy adams but he did not get an electoral majority it went to the house of representatives where henry clay cut a backroom deal that put adams in the white house in 1876 samuel tilden ran far ahead of rutherford b hayes but the congress awarded disputed electors to hayes in return for an end to reconstruction furious democrats called hayes his fraudulency the last time a popular vote loser became president was in 1888 when benjamin harrison ran 100 000 votes behind president grover cleveland but won the electoral vote and

the white house cleveland reclaimed it four years later but back then we were a far less democratic country women couldn't vote southern blacks couldn't vote we didn't even pick our senators by popular vote so with al gore winning the popular vote will the country regard george w

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will the country regard george w bush as a legitimate president should he win florida will al gore accept that verdict here's what he said about the process recently in all such cases uh we are fortunate as a people to have a constitution that resolves all doubt as to what would happen in that situation and most intriguingly what if a handful of bush electors decide they can't vote for the man who lost the popular vote could they vote for gore or what if they abstain depriving bush of an electoral majority which would throw the choice into the house of representatives now there are some powerful arguments for the electoral college it's linked to america's federalist history it forces candidates to focus on state issues and state problems but at least there's one time bond that we cannot ignore anymore which is the human factor whatever you think of the electoral college if you eliminated the human factor and counted these votes automatically then it would mean a lot less if this entire election were hanging on the whims of a couple of state electoral officials or the handful of votes in one county i should also mention one other thing we talked about what if some of these bush electors voted for gorby or because they didn't like the popular vote suppose you took some ardent conservatives who were bush electors of whom i'm sure there are some and suppose they took it on themselves and say you know bush hasn't really been quite clear on some of our issues so maybe we'll say to the to the president-elect if he were that we will vote for you provided you promised for instance to ban ru-486 or electors might say we promise to vote for you if you'll put that highway in our district you just don't know what human beings can do i was going to say you're assuming these are human beings swayed by political opinion and human emotion well what a shock uh that they're swayed by idealism perhaps by avarice perhaps by a legitimate concern we don't know at the same time they are bound by loyalty they take an oath of loyalty to support a candidate who's the winner in their state very quickly half the states don't even bind them and the congress the last time this was raised said even if the state

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this was raised said even if the state law binds you they can't stop you from voting all they can do is punish you later and the ones who are chosen as electors are chosen very very carefully by the candidates because they are deeply committed candidate loyalists well which is my point that they're so loyal that but you know what i i i would agree with you on half of that that they are loyalists the carefulness of which they are chosen i'm not sure of because it's never mattered but jeff since the public net does indeed choose the chief executive unlike back then is that a compelling argument to get rid of the college well that's exactly the argument bernie that we are different country than we were 200 years ago mr schneider well yes we are i mean you know back in 1888 when the electoral college chose one candidate the popular vote went the other way i don't think people knew what the national vote was there were no national polls they probably didn't add it up for weeks so they didn't know that this was not the popular choice if nothing else it's giving us a great national civics lesson indeed that's all the time we have for this special report but please stay with cnn for your chance to weigh in on this election bill press tucker carlson standing by in the spin room ready to take your telephone calls and email comments that's next at 11 eastern and you'll find the very latest on the florida recount plus election results from every state of the union at our website cnn.com for all of us good night from atlanta [Music] closed captioning brought to you by uniglobe travel we stay in touch with your traveling needs to make your business trip or vacation a success uniglobe travel always in touch who brought down the most infamous lord of the drug trade giving pablo on cnn perspectives sunday 10 eastern only on cnn what if you could earn your bachelor's or master's degree from a leading accredited university while you're at home at university of phoenix online you can

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from cnn washington to our atlanta newsroom and all over the united states the spin room is open first it was a campaign that wouldn't end and now it's the election that won't go away good evening everybody welcome to the spin room i'm bill press and i'm tucker carlson and it is going to be another late night as we try and figure out who is going to be president of the united states if you're up and you probably are give us a call 1-800 310 for cnn you can join the cnn chat room at cnn.com and for those many of you online email us at spin cnn.com before we get into all the talk about this all the spin tucker we want everybody to know there is this late word out of palm beach county florida officials now say that they have thrown out more than 19 000 ballots in that presidential race in palm beach county florida because people voted for more than one candidate this all of course is part of the accusations that the presidential part of that ballot in that one county was confusing to a lot of voters 19 000 thrown out i mean this keeps building so that means you can't vote for more than one candidate not in this country bill i'm learning more all the time we actually have more news or not in palm beach county apparently not uh apparently the votes are being countered in florida um there are 67 counties in florida 27 have been tallied apparently and after telling all of them after recounting them al gore has gained a total of hundred and sixty-three votes that's what we call vote creep you've heard of mission creep this is vote it's a pretty slow creep it is well it's a creep that's not it it's a creep it is correct it's a big point tucker we said last week you and i said this was going to be close did you ever think it would be this close actually we said it was going to be close but i didn't really believe it was going to be close and in fact i took an informal poll of everyone i knew the day of the election yesterday morning and not a single person i talked to democrat republican

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to democrat republican naderite total wacko nobody believed it was going to be close everybody thought bush was going to win except for the one person i called who actually works for the bush campaign who sounded nervous turns out he was the smartest well you know coming from california thinking about what this was all happening last night i'm thinking what if this were a movie what have you tried to say what have you tried to sell this as an idea right he said he's president no he's not president the other guy's president no he's not president either now we still don't know plus you know there's other strange stuff that happened last night this wasn't the only strange thing right you got the dead man winning and there was more strange stuff that happened last night it was unbelievable and then the president's wife apparently is not going to be in the senate so i hear so rob reiner who's one of the best in hollywood was on cnn at 4 30 this morning rob breiner thinks somebody what would happen if you're a big hollywood producer and you went into your boss and you said i got this great idea for a movie here's here's rob ryder's take on it you write this and they throw you out of the office they said you know this is ridiculous i mean this is one of these truths that's stranger than fiction things uh you can't write to something like this nobody would believe it see i don't i don't think the people believe it i don't think they believe it at all i think they've spent two years on the road working to become president and you know he's fallen short by less than 2 000 votes and i just don't think they're processing it and i don't think they're accepting it do you know how bad it was do you know how bad it was last night

here's how bad it was tucker this is an actual news release from moscow that the russian government suggested they should send a delegation to observe yesterday's election in the united states because they feared that there would be falsification of the results what see i'm going to add my own amendment to that resolution which is no more vodka in the russian parliament it gets late and these guys get cranky all right we got a hot show tonight we are going to talk here are a couple of spinners good republican and democrat spinner we also have a legend tucker coming up i am woman hear me roar she's going to be here she is helen ready herself helen ready herself plus

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ready herself helen ready herself plus you hear about all these electors who are they who are the people that make up the electoral college i think for the first time on national television have you ever seen one that's the question you'll see them here we have them too you're going to see two of them before the show's over first let's get the whole thing set up let's find out a little bit more refresh our memory now about the night that was or maybe it was a night that wasn't and the day after nobody better than to do that for us in our atlanta bureau uh joey chen joe you've been part of this whole thing sum it up for us phil i don't think this is the night before this is like the night that never ended i mean i feel like i've just been here the whole time it just doesn't go away you probably haven't been i do pretty much so do we well i don't know about you guys but all day today everybody i talk to keep saying have you ever seen anything like this well of course we have it's mission impossible where's the qp music your mission should you choose to accept it is to try to appear above the fray the code word here is presidential even though you justifiably have a long list of people whose hearts you are ready to rip out right now for getting you into this big mess given everything that's happened this could be a very tough mission for mr bush first year be nice to your little brother it was a interesting night needless to say there was some consternation with the florida's governor during our family dinner when uh somebody jumped the proverbial gun as we say and um so he is the person that really went to us some uh you know obviously some interesting emotions uh i was confident that uh when it was all said and done in florida would be taken off um the declared you know state role and that uh cooler heads would prevail can you imagine the food fight they must have now maybe a bigger mission for mr gore is to be nice to mr

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gore is to be nice to mr nader and to mr bush and to your campaign strategy team and while you're at it you should make sure to leave all of your options open we now need to resolve this election in a way that is fair forthright and fully consistent with our constitution and our laws what is that issue here is the fundamental fairness of the process as a whole because of what is at stake this matter must be resolved expeditiously but deliberately and without any rush to judgment despite the fact that joe lieberman and i won the popular vote under our constitution it is the winner of the electoral college who will be the next president and then there is mr president of the moment we see that your wife sir let you play on her campaign and that she won your mission is not to rub it in when you have your heart to heart with a guy who didn't want to take you along for the ride i talked to him afterward we had a great talk later you know when the situation was as it is now and we were laughing uh we had he was in a good humor he talked we talked about the unpredictability of life and how he'd done all he could as for the rest of us those smart mouths in the news media yes we know we did get things a little bit messy last night with the calling and the uncalling and calling and the uncalling in our mission now i think it's just shut up and listen both candidates in my opinion were treated unfairly by the early projections in florida as were the voters when some of these instant polls and exit polls and network predictions proved to be wrong i think it's a lesson for all of us uh yeah subtle there network predictions okay so everybody got their licks in now do we all feel better maybe we should just join in a round on that song remember the one from

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round on that song remember the one from the south park movie isn't it uh blame florida guys you know but i like the sound of it you know what i mean what do you think is worse tucker do you think it's worse to have to call somebody and say okay they liked you better you win or do you think it would be worse to have to call back and say do overdo over i didn't mean any of that i think it would be worse receiving the second call and clearly clearly bush thought did you mean that did you mean it he did that that was the moment where the g you don't need to be so snippy comment right now which is my favorite of the entire night from everything we've heard that was a very tense second telephone call and i sure understand why i wouldn't have to make it wouldn't want to have to make it wouldn't want to have to receive it and i almost can't blame george w for being a little snippy according to nor can you blame al gore from being on the grumpy side too because and this is this is a point that i think has been lost thanks joey we'll be back to you soon for uh the latest news update too just a second uh well this i just i you know so many things have happened in the last 24 hours that you missed some of the details which are of course as always the juiciest and the best because the emails are already flowing well here's one from el cantrell that points out something that i hope is not lost in the fray here el cantrell right some political commentators seem to be ignoring that al gore if he'd had the political thoughtfulness to win his home state of tennessee would not be witnessing this confusion 260 plus 11 tennessee electoral votes equals the magic number of 271. what do tennessee voters know that we don't i know it's just too bad al gore wasn't thoughtful enough to save us all the trouble if he had only one tennessee okay here's a email to the spin room from mitch philadelphia pennsylvania if bush becomes president says mitch notwithstanding the confusion in palm beach county his true title will be his accidency the president does anyone who is intellectually honest truly believe 3600 elderly jews voted for pat buchanan i just have to say if they did they didn't read his book first well it

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they didn't read his book first well it may be a very cranky group but i have to say you go into the voting booth you can't just you know sort of throw the pen around and start punching holes you have to take responsibility for the men you vote for all right now to add to the spin here let's talk to a couple of master spinners tonight nobody better in the business first of all on the republican side he's communications director for the republican national committee cliff may joined by tucker peter fenn an adviser to al gore and a fabled famous and very talented democratic political consultant and hopefully talented enough peter to answer the following question which is when are the democrats going to give up and put an end to all this are they going to keep it going until december 18 for the electoral college meets or longer i i think after we've controlled the presidency for the next century we might think about giving up that sound not very good no no i mean isn't there a point in which it becomes bad for the country to keep positions i i think that you know in all seriousness in this one you have got to look at florida very carefully this clearly is coming down to vote by vote we tell americans how important it is because every single vote counts and boy are we proving it in florida and i think we have to investigate all these kinds of incidents that look like they could cause problems and i think we have to do that recount properly we have to count those absentee ballots we have to look at the million uh or so ballots that were counted by hand that are that are vote by mail ballots and make sure that's all done right i mean this is this look though the presidency hangs in the balance uh gore much to your amazement tucker did win the popular vote so you know it would be nice of course if he won the electoral vote we all think we're waiting hey cliff may i'm not going to ask you uh such a nasty question as tucker asked peter fence so let me just ask come on bill go ahead now let me just ask you is this i know al gore won the popular vote nobody can test that so why don't you

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nobody can test that so why don't you just trust the people and give it up bill i i think you know uh because you've been in politics a long time we have a very special system that we're very proud of in this country we have an electoral college there's a reason we have that i can explain it to you but probably not on this show but we want to have that and by the way as you well know about a week ago most of the experts were thinking that the chances were that the electoral voters who went to anybody in a very close race where the electoral vote would go to al gore and everyone was preparing us al hunt was one who wrote an editorial

about this or a column about this very important we respect the electoral vote whoever wins the electoral vote wins the election don't forget governor bush has one race we don't have one nationwide race we have 50 races in 50 states and the district of columbia in 31 states now governor bush has won the the race for election here and we believe he's one in florida that was the result they found yesterday we should have a recount it's the law there will be a recount and when that's confirmed please not all these little extra issues about these little old ladies who didn't know what they were reading they wanted the ballot and yiddish they wanted to inspire just look let's just go ahead and say okay it's done i'll tell you what guys hold on both of you there because we want to talk to you about those little old ladies and some of these allegations of uh of voter irregularities uh just in just a minute beginner's speaking a little early we will get back to you but first let's let's find out what else has been happening hard to believe anything else has been but apparently something has been what we've been focused on the vote joey tell us what has been happening yeah things do happen outside the beltway and outside of tallahassee so these are some other things you might have missed today the guy who is still by the way currently the leader of the free world is still trying to get a mideast peace deal together mr clinton gets a visit from yasser arafat tomorrow friday arfak goes to the u.n security council to ask for protection for palestinians in the west bank and gaza now israel won't go for that and this sunday its prime minister will be in washington to see the president himself some high times in northern california maybe it's a change in the air one of those ballot measures that got lost in that shuffle yesterday did get approved in fact now gardeners in

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approved in fact now gardeners in mendocino county can legally grow up to 25 pot plants apiece though laws against this practice actually never stopped them before pot is already the largest cash crop in the county and the key to healthy living turns out to be bridge now researchers say bridge players have higher immune cell counts now to find this out they spent 15 years studying rats mice and a woman's bridge club in orinda california i don't know you know this is uh this is a new sort of health note here tucker and bill but i'm i'm not sure if this is going to cost you to go out and play bridge you be any good at bridge tucker no i think i'll i'll i'll take my health risks rather than rather than do that i'm not sure that sounds like hard science but i'll take your word for it you know if i could be compared to a rather mouse or a woman's bridge club it's bridge in the bay area and it's and it's the the cash crop up in the northern california thanks joey we'll be back to in just a little bit we're gonna take a quick break cliff may and peter find are going to be joining us again uh just a little bit later but first tucker here it is the hard political news the woman who roared loudly that would be helen reddy and we will speak to her next in the spin room just a bit of magic oh you've gotta see it slightly unexpected perfectly perfected ahead of your head [Music] high definition television made possible by panasonic just slightly ahead of our time oh just a bit of magic

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a bit of magic [Music] get together with skytop buy the new t900 and get a 50 rebate 2800 skytell 5. a typical day for the i.t manager everyone wants everything now luckily they're cdw your direct solutions provider cdw uses 50 000 top named products to give you complete systems including custom configuration and pre-installed software why get hung up in work when cdw is here to make life easier cdw computing solutions built for business [Music] samsung joyfully introduces the world as you make it where our digital technology has one job to make life more fun we want to thrill you connect you charm you satisfy you and delight you everyone's invited to the samsung digital experience just a bit of magic [Music] our stuff is what dreams [Music] high definition television made possible by panasonic just slightly ahead of our time oh just a bit of magic [Music]

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welcome back to the spin room with bill preston tucker carlson we want to hear from you about all this exciting election news three ways to do it by phone at 1-800-3104 cnn join our chatroom at cnn.com online or you can email us we've got a stack come here we'll be reading some more email us to spin at cnn.com

tucker and of course later we will have real-life electors captured in the field and brought to you here at cnn before that uh we have a little housekeeping duty last friday we ran a clip of candace leitner one of the founders of mad mothers against drunk driving defending george w bush this game of course a day after his 24 year old driving under the influence arrest was brought to light well we received a communique from madd pointing out that candace lightner while she was one of the founders of the organization has not been involved for about the past 15 years and represents only they were quick to point out her own personal views and not those of mad which we should point out has not yet condemned george w bush's dui arrest so and of course the question is how did candace lightner show up on cnn if she hadn't been with mad for 15 years but who knows she's a very tricky spokeswoman candidate coming in phone calls here's sasha from the state of tennessee which of course is al gore's native state but didn't vote for him hey sasha good evening welcome to the spin room hello hi hello so what's your take on all this well i voted for gore and i have to say i think this thing in uh florida with palm beach especially is the biggest conspiracy we've seen yet and i want to know what you guys think will really come of this because it sounds to me like just the one county could make or break the election for gore you know i don't know uh sasha i got i got to tell you i mean i think it's going i think there'll be a legal challenge tucker don't you i mean i think robert congressman robert wex was on crossfire earlier tonight you know he's upset about this i think somebody's going to file a lawsuit

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going to file a lawsuit but the judge you know what the judge could easily say hey tough you go in there you ought to know what you're doing right and and i really think at what cost i mean that you know i i think there are many americans um and i'd like to see surveys in this who probably would be happy to take either guy any guy any president-elect rather than the uncertainty the really disconcerting uncertainty of not having anyone so i think the gore campaign does have a great risk to itself but next we go from madd to a woman who's really mad about this election we go to helen reddy uh grammy award-winning singer naturalized u.s citizen uh and nader supporter yes and uh helen reddy i want to ask you this first question now if you look at the results in florida and that's account that's the vote that's going to decide the next president al gore is behind by about a thousand votes now latest count ralph nader got 95 000 votes in florida if only what 10 a lot less of nader's vote if nader hadn't been on the ballot and only 10 percent of his vote had come from gore gore would be the next president of the united states so didn't nader steal this from gore and give it the push first of all i'm i'm not in florida i'm in california and there was no doubt that gore was going to carry california which he did i voted for gore in 92 and again in 96 uh i had read his book earth in the balance i thought it was a very thoughtful book it was very well researched and i really liked him uh when it went to the democratic convention and when i voted in in 96 i remember thinking to myself this is it this is the the last vote of the century the last time i will have to vote for two white men next time 2000 there'll be a woman on the ticket well when i find out that there's not even a woman on the short list as a running mate that just angers me it really he lost my vote there and then i don't want to wait another eight years i don't want to compromise my vote i'm 59 years old i want to see something now

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now well let me ask you i mean apart from the fact that i have to say ralph nader looks like an awfully pale character uh himself now that you mentioned voting for whiteman i i wonder if you'll just listen to what ralph nader himself said uh today about the results of the election tell me what you think of this i do think that i'll go across me the election especially in florida and and that's far greater concern than whether i was supposed to help elect al gore yeah now i mean that's charming in its way but is that has he lost touch do you think he's being facetious i i also would like to see a viable third party i am the the democratic and the republican party have become virtually the same party there is just not enough there's not enough contrast there's not enough options i think women are getting very badly shortchanged it's time come on it's the 21st century yeah look i've known you a long time i knew back in the jerry brown days when ralph nader goes around and says there's no difference between al gore and george bush you're too smart to believe that aren't you i don't think there's no difference but i don't think there's enough of a difference al gore has disappointed me he had the chance to take a woman and he didn't and i don't think these candidates are really showing that they don't

seem to understand the meaning of the wordless gesture you know i mean look at the uh at the king of denmark when the when the nazis invaded and said all the jews had to wear armbands with the star of david the king was on the street the next morning wearing a star of david by lunchtime everybody in the country was wearing a star of david you go find the jews i mean we this hungry this this country is crying out for some leadership and that's what we're not getting i'm tired of hearing platitudes i'm tired of people not wanting to talk about the issues let's get real ready thank you and i and i have to point out that there are a lot of democrats making as you put wordless gestures uh toward ralph nader tonight uh and you can guess what they are hello thanks thanks so much for joining us out already before we go to a break we got a

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already before we go to a break we got a question uh from the chat room here at tucker we wanted to uh to check in if ready perhaps not there it is is there any way that there will be a re-vote in palm beach who knows i guess that's an option i mean i can't imagine though that a judge would say we're going to isolate this one county and we're going to redo this election just in this one county you know i think we're getting into the fondest dreams territory uh of the gore campaign we talked about this it's never happened before certainly never in a presidential election would be unprecedented i think it would be hard to justify again very risky back with some more questions about uh palm beach and other questions in florida to peter fan and cliff may when we come back right here on uh this in the spin room we're also going to be talking a little bit later on about that big vote in missouri and about uh this senate race in new york what was that all about we'll be back in spain certainly the weird vote tell us what you think [Music] yeah so okay you have to help me pick so should we go to this like funky kind of pricey kind of place like i don't care should doctors have to get permission to treat you dr jones the insurance company will see you now with united healthcare they don't because with united healthcare when it comes to treatment your doctor makes the decision where do you find inspiration sometimes you least expect it [Music] with technology that takes you beyond old boundaries to something more inspiring like the compact proliant server with a 1.75 inch profile that fits everywhere you can have your next big idea anywhere welcome to the new it inspiration technology from compact

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[Applause] [Laughter] the perfect vehicle for whatever circle you travel in even if it's the arctic circle the new volvo cross country adventures in luxury they're the largest creatures on earth they've adapted and evolved with strength and determination the kind of strength that helps the pacific life family of companies manage more than 300 billion dollars for its clients and determination that has guided pacific life for 130 years size strength longevity offering annuities insurance and investments use the power of pacific life get together with skytop buy the new t900 and get a 50 rebate 1 800 skytell 5. welcome back to the spin room a little while later ready there you go i like that i know i like that sort of a clever idea a little while we'll show you our picks for the spin of the day that's that's the moment in the day's news it's so improbable so hilariously ludicrously you throw your beer bottle at the tv we'll show you what we think

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at the tv we'll show you what we think qualifies and makes your head spin i've got my spin of the day tucker's got him his and of course we want to hear yours just a quick clarification earlier we mentioned these 19 000 ballots have been thrown out in palm beach florida uh ap is reporting those ballots were never counted so they were they noticed ahead of time that people had voted for more than one candidate and they tossed those ballots out whether that whatever that means in this whole mix it just goes on and on which is time to bring the uh the spinners back don't you think it absolutely is we've got cliff may from the republican national committee and peter fenn an adviser to al gore and a democratic political consultant peter fenn there's been a lot of talk about what the gore campaign or independent democrats might do about this vote in florida give me your prediction for what sort of legal challenges might be brought well i think the most important thing to do obviously is to go through the count get that taken care of then look at any possible irregularities that may have occurred one of the things for example that they talked about today in broward county was that people

went with their voting cards that somehow the computers didn't recognize their voting cards they were turned away from the polls they were not allowed to vote you know clearly also if they threw out 19 000 ballots from people who thought they were voting for al gore and then thought oops i just voted for for pat buchanan i mean these kinds of things have to be thoroughly examined and looked at i don't think anybody's rushing to the courthouse right now tucker i think what they are trying to say is look let's make sure that this is fair let's make sure that no one is is turned away from the polls that should go there and in an election which is so so close one thousand votes at a six million cast you gotta make sure you do the right thing but i keep hearing talk about civil rights lawsuits brought not necessarily by the gore campaign but by independent voters on the grounds that their civil rights were violated because they didn't understand what the ballot looked like have you heard this do you think this is likely to happen but there are some individuals evidently that have filed some kinds of suits i looked at the law today and i'm not a lawyer but i read it

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lawyer but i read it and it does talk very specifically about how you're supposed to structure a ballot with the party that won the governorship last time first the next party and on down and that you're supposed to at least in the case of written ballots go to the right to make your vote in this case the poor woman who designed this ballot put the both in the center and it was almost incomprehensible to see how you're supposed to vote so i think it's important just to just just to just to look at the law see what was done and and find out whether anything was violent because you want to jump in go ahead well a couple of points the the supervisor of elections there happens to be a democrat second the law is that this has to be published in a newspaper so people can see it first and it was third there are arrows to show and what i fear and you hear it a little bit i'm afraid what peter's saying is that the democrats have plan a which is to see if they can turn around the the popular vote in in florida and then there's a plan b and plan c and each plan has more and more lawyers attached to it look if you want to talk about all the irregularities in the country i mean first the fact that four networks called florida early so early that people in the florida panhandle and another time zone may have thought oh well my candidates lost no point in my voting people in california may have thought that too bill the fact that you had a dnc official handing out packets of cigarettes to homeless people in milwaukee to get them to vote that's against the law the fact that you had polls open late in democratic districts in saint louis because they wanted to get a few more bodies just get over it let's find out what happened in florida if we have a win we have a win let me jump in here just a second let me just ask you to slow down cliff just a second okay all right take it back just take a big breath just just try to just try to to you know rationalize this okay this is one of the most democratic counties in the country it's 66 democratic palm beach okay 3 500 jews voted for pat buchanan and gave him 20 of his florida vote i mean you don't think there's something weird about that i have no idea it doesn't add up if there's if there is but no one is saying and i'm sure you're not even suggesting that this is some conspiracy

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this is some conspiracy on that part of vast right wingers like me what you're saying is maybe the democratic supervisor elections did something confusing maybe the voters didn't understand it you know what happens in those kinds of situations you toss those ballots out let me give you another example of florida quickly 19 000 votes nationwide for the socialist workers party candidate who know about none of us know what hell it is but nine thousand those votes were in one county in florida now that's everybody's thinking whoa wait a minute this could be that it's not a reason to do over the election but look at it look at it look at it hey wait a minute don't tell me there was a socialist worker party on the couch thanks for staying up late thanks for joining us tonight okay we got to talk to joey chad because joey was in atlanta boy was she last night during all of this mess they were talking about the media i want to get joey's take on what it was like in that newsroom and when we come back tucker we're going to bring you the two of the real people the realest of people and soon to be two of the powers most powerful people in the world we'll meet them when we come back in the spin room don't press on tucker crosstalk there they are closed captioning not the most available lord of the drug trade giving pablo on cnn perspectives sunday 10 eastern only on cnn this is the hardest thing i've ever done i mean these people were like family to me remember i met jeannie at the company

picnic ah it was the best thing ever happened to you yeah taking a new job was a tough decision i miss you deciding what to do with my 401k money was another i didn't want to mess it up i called t-rowe price deciding how to roll over your 401k

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roll over your 401k funds can be confusing everything from choosing different investment options to understanding the tax implications call t row price at 1-800-401-4560 we can help you know you told me about the mutual funds uh-huh yeah well they sent me a rollover kit you know took me through it step by step i made it easy for you yep piece cake by providing a full range of mutual fund options we can help you create an investment plan that meets your needs it's gonna be a good job yeah it's gonna be great t-ro price helping people invest with confidence for over 60 years for a free rollover kit and a prospectus call 1-800-401-4560 wisdom with jeff greenfield fridays 10 eastern on cnn welcome back to the spin room your chance to sound off in this unbelievable evening 24 hours later we still don't know who won telephone number 1-800-3104 cnn or you can join our chat at cnn.com or get your emails in we're looking for your nominations for spin of the day to spin at cnn.com tucker now bill it has been the longest since you pointed out 24 hours in a long in in memory really and i'm interested joey chen you were in atlanta last night how long were you on the set is that what you're trying to actually you look pretty good i'm impressed but i mean were you trapped it was like being a subway car that broke down that was pretty much it was like the jerry lewis telethon you know just kind of kept going did you dance did i miss that no it was it was getting kind of out of hand you know people needed to go home and bathe you know they were running out of food it was getting very ugly around here but you know i have to show you something this is this is me i mean this shows you how you know i i spent a little bit too much time on the weekends trying to i made up all these nice cars you see all my nice cards i made up all these cards over the weekend with all these little election facts that i was gonna use on the air

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that i was gonna use on the air yesterday like from one o'clock to five o'clock in the morning one o'clock to six o'clock in the morning well guess what happened our big guns bernie shaw judy woodruff they had to be on the air while all this was going on so poor little me can you bring out the violence i never got on to be on tv do you feel badly for me i had to sit here until six o'clock in the morning i just got to watch it but i never got to be on tv well what was the mood in the newsroom when the network had to call and then uncall and call and uncall red faces all the way around you know i think we're just so shocked i mean we looked around we thought did they say that did cbs do that are we going to do that did the associated press do that we went back and forth and people were trying to figure out what had actually happened we've been getting calls since the since the first florida call was made for gore early in the evening we've been getting calls from viewers up in our information line you people are very mean to our friends in the information room again but they were getting calls all night about this well i'm glad i was in washington and not in atlanta thanks thanks joey come back in just a little bit here and uh we've heard all about these electors we want to take a good look at two real live electors we went out uh our good producers hunted them down today joining us now annette with a network mel martinez who is a republican elector from orange county florida joins us from orlando florida he's also an attorney and our democratic elector is mr art pulaski art pulaski's a uh elector from san francisco and a labor leader in northern california statewide actually california tucker now mr plesky do you expect any of you talked to any other electors since you became one and do you have a sense people have been talking this idea that electors could could of break from their commitment and vote for the other guy is that plausible at all from your point of view tucker i should tell you not only have i not talked to any other electors i have never met an elector before and i've always wondered at who the electors were how they got this uh selected and what they did when they

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uh selected and what they did when they got selected well art meet mel and then lo and behold uh a couple of months ago i was called by my congressman who said tom lantos in california who said i'd like to nominate you to be an elector and that's how i got here so the first time for me well how about you mel martinez how do you end up being an elector in florida i mean you you pay a lot of money did you give bush a lot of money is that how you got your job no actually i'm also an elected official i'm elected county chairman or county mayor of orange county florida but i got a call from party chairman of the florida republican party al cardenas and he asked me what i consider being an elector and i told him i would i thought it'd be kind of interesting if not a little dull now it's turned out to be a lot more excitement exciting assignment than i ever anticipated well let me ask you what kind of uh orders did you get from uh this guy that called you up i mean he told you you signed your your life away right you signed up you will vote the way he tells you i know that is i think that was pretty first i'm sorry i didn't i i was not told anything in particular i was just asked would i be an elector i think it's uh pretty well understood that if i'm an elector as a republican and there's another slight that are democrats that i would go up there and vote for the republican presidential nominee if he is successful in florida and that's what i intend to do and i think that's what every reasonable elector has done over the history of this uh system and and should do now art did you sign anything i didn't sign anything i was asked to be an elector and of course i am a a strong gore supporter and however let me say that i think that uh we should be very careful to abide by the opinion of the electorate and to be sure that we support uh the uh the uh the votes of the electorate and under extraordinary circumstances i might say maybe we should reconsider how we vote under normal circumstances of course i'm going to be a very clear gore supporter but what happened in florida i think is something that really we have to ask the electors they have to ask themselves what are they going to do

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themselves what are they going to do all right arcola melania hold on just a second because we want to bring a couple of our viewers here in fact this is the first tucker another first of the show i love these first the first every time not one phone call two phone calls a dual phone call dueling phone calls here it's michael calling from pennsylvania and sue calling from ohio check it out guys all right sue let's start with you so what do you think ought to happen so this is from ohio and i think the electrical college is very important is just as viable today as it was when the founding fathers put it together and you have two houses in congress the senate protects the state rights and equality and you have the representatives that protect the population numbers and the electrical college okay so sue says keep the electoral college let's hear from michael in pennsylvania hey michael i agree no i don't i disagree completely 100 i think that uh in modern times the people are more educated than they were at the time they created the electoral college and i think now it should be strictly popular vote all right well that's it mel tell me this i mean this is you i mean you're going to be one of the people under pressure presumably if this goes on december 18th and is decided in the electoral college you're going to be one of the people the bush campaigns looking at very closely have they called you just to sort of firm up your support no they haven't i think it's pretty well understood that i'll have the support there i'm a big bush supporter and i uh i'm going to be real proud to cast that that ballot but let me say this this is not the time to debate the merits of the electoral college this is a time to play by the rules of the game we all agreed upon and the fact of the matter is the merits of the electoral college whether good or bad might be debated at another time in another place right now we have a presidential election and you know i'm an immigrant i came to this country from another part of the world and i'm such a believer in our system of democracy that i really think is terribly important that we have that continuity that we continue to have that uh that that democracy does admire around

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that that democracy does admire around the world and that very very orderly transition of power and i think that's what we should honor at this time all right the question to you and to our viewers too is if you were an elector would you ever consider voting for somebody from the other party if that other party per candidate

had won the popular vote think about that we're going to take a break and don't forget as we take the break we're looking for your nominations for the spin of the day eagerly waiting we'll be back with more with mel martinez and art pulaski coming up on the spin room you

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